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Violent Attacks At Three PointsNAZIS
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The fear that Britain may have some "unpleasant surprises" in store for the Nazis in the West, has led the High Command of the German forces to maintain considerable troops in the West, according to the German radio yesterday.

COMMENTING ON THE HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE THE ANNOUNCER DECLARED: "THE ENEMY IS NOT IDLE ON THIS SECTOR OF THE FRONT, AS IS PROVED BY HIS ALMOST DAILY ATTEMPTS TO RAID THE CHANNEL COAST."

"This is further proved by his nightly attacks on north-west Germany."

"THE CENTRAL TARGET IS THE UNHAPPY TOWN OF MUNSTER AND TARGETS OF MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE."

The commentator, after commiserating with the citizens who "night after night have lost not only sleep but often their belongings and their lives," added:

"It is just as impossible to eliminate these attacks as it is impossible to eliminate artillery fire on the front."—*Reuter*.

WILLKIE
DEMANDS
ACTION

Mr. Wendell Willkie told the press after President Roosevelt's daily conference yesterday: "There is no use in just giving lip service to Britain."

"We can either give her effective aid or it would be better not to try to give any aid at all."

Mr. Willkie said he favoured the U.S. establishing military bases in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

The American occupation of Iceland, he declared, "is in my judgment but the first of similar steps that should be taken."

Replying to questions, he said: "It is vital to keep the sea lanes open," and added that British shipping losses were running far ahead of new constructions.—*Reuter*.

NEW PRICE
FOR TRAM AND
BUS "SEASONS"

The new rates for season tickets for the bus and tramway companies were announced to-day.

Ordinary monthly tickets of the bus companies will cost \$10 and a monthly ticket for the trams is raised to \$8.

The special ticket of the China Motor Bus Company will cost \$14.

S. M. WOODS
SLIGHTLY BETTER

The condition of Sgt-Major Woods, Permanent Staff Instructor, Royal Artillery, who was injured in a motor-cycle accident at Shatin on Tuesday night, was stated this morning to be slightly better.

P.S.I. Woods suffered injuries to the spine when the Army motor-cycle he was riding plunged over the embankment into the sea.

CHEUNG CHAU
MINE DISASTER; 30
JUNKS BLOWN UP

SOME 30 JUNKS and sampans were destroyed on Monday morning when two of the craft were struck by drifting mines off Cheung Chau Island, according to a belated report received by the headquarters of the Hong Kong Chinese Fishermen's Union last night.

Over 100 were killed and injured. Many corpses floating off the Island have since been picked up.

Wounded are in Cheung Chau Hospital while the more serious cases have been transferred to the Queen Mary Hospital.

According to the report received, a large petrol junk left Cheung Chau for Ku Lung Bay to take refuge from the weather at about 9 a.m. on Monday.

Some 15 minutes later, whilst sailing off the north coast of the Island, the junk struck a drifting mine and was blown to smithereens.

Other junks and sampans nearby heard the explosion and hurried to carry out rescue work.

Second Blast

While these boats were searching for survivors, another drifting mine struck one of them.

The entire fleet of some 30 boats was destroyed, some being thrown, with their occupants, high into the air.

Police launches and naval patrol boats assisted in rescue work but many of the junk people were killed or drowned.

Nazi Defeat In
Front Of Lepel

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMISSION OF INTENSIFIED GERMAN PRESSURE AT THREE KEY POINTS ON THE LONG RUSSO-GERMAN BATTLEFRONT WAS MADE IN AN OFFICIAL MOSCOW ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT. VIOLENT FIGHTING IS RAGING IN FRONT OF OSTROV, VOLOTSK AND NOVOGRAD-VOLINSK, AND THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMS THE CAPTURE OF OSTROV.

Moscow's version of the day's fighting suggests that some further ground has been conceded, though there is confirmation of a serious German defeat on the fourth prong of the offensive, in front of Lepel. Elsewhere, the Soviet lines are holding.

German reports speak of "savage resistance" and the casualty toll is mounting. It is also admitted in Berlin that large pockets of Russian resistance are causing difficulty well behind the present German lines. — *International News Service*.

A war communique issued by the Soviet Information Board and broadcast by Moscow radio last night, declared that throughout the day fierce fighting continued against large enemy tank and mechanised units trying to break

through in the Ostrov, Polotsk and Novograd-Volinsk directions. "In the Ostrov sector our forces are engaged in a stubborn battle and are holding back the advance of superior enemy forces."

"IN THE DIRECTION OF POLOTSK THE ENEMY RENEWED HIS OFFENSIVE THIS MORNING. OUR TROOPS MET HIS OFFENSIVE WITH DEADLY ARTILLERY AND MACHINE-GUN FIRE AND WITH DECISIVE REVERSES."

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HUNDRED
DESTROYERS
A YEAR

The United States will be producing 100 destroyers a year by 1943, disclosed Admiral S. M. Robinson, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Ships, in Washington yesterday.

The U.S. shipbuilding programme, declared Admiral Robinson, was proceeding much faster than the most optimistic in the Navy Department had expected and it was "absolutely essential" to speed the production of materials to keep up with the pace.

Testifying before the Senate defence investigating committee, Admiral Robinson said the programme was "four or five months" ahead of the rest of the national defence effort.—*Reuter*.



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Candid Commons Criticism Of British War Production

SERVICE M.P.S IN THE FOREFRONT

CANDID CRITICISM OF BRITISH WAR PRODUCTION WAS MADE IN SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHEN A TWO-DAY DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT WAS OPENED.

The debate provided an occasion for those who are not satisfied that the country is achieving the maximum possible output to ventilate their views.

Lt. Briabber (Cons.), who was with the Fleet Air Arm at Crete, complained of the lack of armaments and 'planes and of the weakness of tanks, while Lt.-Cmdr. Hopkinson asserted that none of the 'planes produced by Lord Beaverbrook's drive participated in the Battle of Britain.

He was assailed by Labour members when he described the Labour Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, as "an unskilled labourer."

Mr. G. M. Garro-Jones (Lab) urged the appointment of a Minister of Munitions, with a seat in the Cabinet, "to end the jostling for men and materials."

He contended the production of tanks was being delayed by countless modifications, and while expressing satisfaction with British aircraft production, declared too many types were being sent from America, resulting in hundreds lying unpacked in warehouses because the necessary auxiliary equipment was not available.

Govt. Slowness

Major Oscar Guest (Cons) declared it was very difficult for manufacturers to obtain clear-cut and quick decisions from Government departments.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal) said the enemy could draw no possible consolation from criticisms for there had been a tremendous output of war equipment of all kinds.

Mr. Mander continued that what they urged, however, was still greater output.

He complained of idleness in factories due to change-over in types. Workers resented for being paid for playing darts, which was all they had to do in many cases.

A Scandal

Mr. D. J. K. Quibell (Lab) said it was a scandal that at the factory which made the first tanks in Britain only a quarter of the employees were now engaged on war production.

Lt. Briabber declared that in the Middle East, Crete, Libya and Syria, there was an almost chronic lack of the most important materials of war.

"We are still grievously short of anti-aircraft guns, and at Maleme there was a great shortage of multiple half-inch machine-guns for use against low-flying aircraft."

"OUR TANKS DID WELL AGAINST THE ITALIANS BUT NOT SO WELL AGAINST THE GERMANS BECAUSE THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH OF THEM AND THEY WERE TOO SLOW."

"If we could produce 20,000 aircraft we could win the war."

Critic Of Mr. Bevin

Lt.-Cmdr. Hopkinson urged competitive tenders for design and revision of the contract system, asserting that at present it paid to take 80,000 man-hours to produce aircraft which could be produced in 20,000 man-hours.

He charged Mr. Bevin with incompetence in the manner in which labour was being handled.

JOE LOUIS RESISTS DIVORCE

ANSWERING THE DIVORCE SUIT FILED IN THE CHICAGO CIRCUIT COURT YESTERDAY BY HIS WIFE, JOE LOUIS, WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, DENIED HE EVER STRUCK HIS WIFE.

Asking dismissal of the suit, Louis completely denied the charges of cruelty, and denied that his wife "treated him kindly and affectionately and conducted herself towards him as a true and virtuous wife," as plaintiff claimed.

LEGAL ADVISER TO DOMINIONS OFFICE

Mr. K. E. Poyser, D.S.O., former Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, has been appointed Legal Adviser to the Dominions Office and Colonial Office, in succession to Sir Henry Gratian Bushe, K.C. M.G., recently appointed Governor of Barbados.

DE GAULLE AND DENTZ REQUEST

The Political Directorate of Free French states, regarding General Dentz's request for a Syrian armistice; "It was only under the necessity of freeing the Near East of Nazi influence that Allied forces entered Syria."

"For the Free French forces, who fully endorsed this action, it was extremely unpalatable, because they knew they would find in front of them French troops misled by the bad shepherds of Vichy who were expected to fight for Germany."

"In consequence, Free French were particularly happy to hear of the request for an armistice."

"They hope it will be possible to conclude the hostilities, overthrow the German threat to the Middle East and bring independence to Syria and Lebanon within the framework of the treaty of alliance with France, whose historical connections with the Levant will thus be preserved."

Fraternal Feelings

"It is with the greatest fraternal feelings that they welcome into their ranks their brothers who have been deceived by the propaganda of falsehood and who are now resolute in pursuing in common with them the struggle against Germany, the eternal enemy of the French people."

ENTERING GIARABUB

A ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICER WHO ENTERED GIARABUB, SHORTLY AFTER ITS CAPTURE, REPORTED SOME INTERESTING STORIES OF THE ITALIAN GARRISON. SEVERAL ENEMY SOLDIERS GAVE HIM LETTERS TO POST TO THEIR RELATIVES IN ROME AND ELSEWHERE, BELIEVING THAT, SINCE THEY HAD HAD NO NEWS OF ANY ITALIAN DEFEAT ANYWHERE THE CAPTURE OF GIARABUB MEANT THAT THE ENTIRE ITALIAN EMPIRE WAS IN OUR HANDS.

A sad commentary on Gayda's arrogant propaganda! "One of the soldiers had been whiling away the time by learning German. His exercise book was found filled with delicate calligraphy—the headings of the pages in graceful Italian, and underneath fatiguing columns of German terminations."

When his British captors searched him for something with which to identify him, they found a postcard from his Mother, in what used to be the Italian Tyrol: "Dear Son" it read, "we are hoping that it will all be finished quickly, quickly."

BRITISH WAR SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIA

Equipment for Russia is already in transit from Britain, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday.

Arrangements have been completed in Britain for supplying Russia with large quantities of war materials, it was also stated.

—Reuter.

FIRE FIGHTING IN A BOMBER

On their first operational flight the second pilot and the rear gunner of a Whitley bomber beat out a fire in their aircraft with their hands, and smothered it with a parachute bag.

The bomber had been on a night raid on the oil tanks at Rotterdam. Half of the target area was already in flames when the aircraft arrived. After it had dropped its load of bombs in a direct hit on an oil tank, the target went up in fire also.

Shortly after the Whitley recrossed the Dutch coast on the return journey the starboard engine cut out, and then caught fire. It may have been hit by flak over Rotterdam. When the petrol was switched off the fire seemed at first to die out, but a little later it re-appeared blazing fiercely, beneath the engine and under the fuselage.

The rear gunner and the second pilot started to deal with the fire. First the gunner tried to beat it out with his hands, but he could not keep it under. Then he brought an extinguisher from the tail of the aircraft, and both he and the second pilot went to work with this, but still without dousing the flames.

Next, they took a parachute bag and managed to smother the bulk of the fire with that, finishing the job with an extinguisher.

The Whitley was now only 500 feet above the sea, into which the pilot thought he would be forced down. As the fire was now out he decided to try for the nearest aerodrome. The crew jettisoned the ammunition and the dinghy, and the pilot just managed to get enough height to reach a Coastal Command aerodrome. The undercarriage refused to come down but the pilot made a successful landing near the flare path. None of the crew was injured.

IRAQ TO COME UNDER INDIA

The defence of Iraq will in future be the responsibility of the India Command and will come under the authority of General Sir Archibald Wavell, newly appointed Commander-in-Chief.

—Reuter.

UNCEASING RAIDS IN MIDDLE EAST

Direct hits with heavy bombs were obtained by R.A.F. bombers on the railway station and warehouses near the harbour at Tripoli, Syria, said yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Australian aircraft carried out a diving machine-gun attack on Vichy armoured cars and motor transport vehicles near Beirut.

During the night of July 7/8 heavy bombers attacked and damaged Vichy aircraft on the ground and at Aleppo and on satellite aerodromes at Nasrullah, where three Vichy aircraft were destroyed.

In Cyrenaica R.A.F. heavy bombers again successfully attacked the harbour at Benghazi. In one of these raids a large petrol fire was started on the railway terminus siding.

Fires At Benghazi

Another extensive fire was started at the base of the Cathedral Mole, causing a 500-yards belt of flame which spread along the docks and was visible from 40 miles.

Fires were started at the base of the central mole by another formation which also severely damaged a CR 42 aircraft.

R.A.F. bombers also attacked targets at Eleusis, Greece, and on the island of Crete, causing fires.

All aircraft returned safely.

—Reuter.

A PILOT'S DETERMINATION

On May 15 of last year a fighter pilot took off with a section of three Hurricanes to intercept some twenty German bombers. Describing the action at the time, he said:

"We waded into them and I was determined to get at least one. I had already shot down two enemy aircraft and I wanted a third for luck. I engaged one of them and in doing so got one or two hits in my oil tank. The oil fumes started to get in my eyes. Then my radiator was hit and the glycol came through the cockpit. Next they must have got my wireless and the tail-plane."

"I was returning fire all the time and saw my opponent go down with a decisive hit after I'd given him all the ammunition I had." The pilot then decided to land and try to save his aircraft. Oil fumes were still pouring out and he was more or less blinded; he managed to spot a field but as he came in to land his right wing hit a tree, and the machine burst into flames. On impact the hood slipped and jammed close; his face was very badly burnt as he tugged away at the hood to get it open. Eventually he succeeded and threw himself out head-first.

For months he remained in hospital slowly recovering from his burns. Now, a year later, he has stepped into an aircraft once more—the first stage in his return to full operational duties.

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RAIDS DEEP INTO GERMANY

More Daylight Attacks In France

Vigorous Offensive Operations

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HEAVY BOMBERS OF THE R.A.F., ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS, ATTACKED A POWER STATION NEAR BETHUNE, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE. THE TARGET WAS HIT BY HEAVY BOMBS.

During the daylight operations 13 enemy aircraft were destroyed, 12 by fighters and one by a bomber. Eight British fighters are missing, the pilot of one being safe.

One section of the large bomber force which attacked Germany's industrial resources on Tuesday night went to Halle and Leuna, near Leipzig, 550 miles from London.

At Leuna, they bombed a synthetic oil plant of the I.G. Farbenindustrie, one of the principal factories on which depends Germany's attempt to secure economic self-sufficiency.

At great expense in coal and labour this plant normally produces 400,000 metric tons of oil per annum.

The British bombers made the long flight under a bright moon and were there and back within the short hours of the summer night.

Hamm Assaulted

A very heavy attack was made on the great railway system at Hamm. The yard was torn by the explosion of many heavy bombs and the railway buildings suffered.

Large fires started could be seen burning fiercely many miles on the way home.

One British bomber which attacked Hamm met an enemy fighter. The rear-gunner drove it off and saw flames coming from it.

Munster Again

Munster was attacked for the fourth night in succession.

One pilot described the huge fire in the town, surrounded by many scattered outbreaks.

The railway lines were hit and close to the main railway station large sheds burned furiously and all the walls caved in.

Bielefeld and Essen were also attacked.—Reuter.

HOLIDAYS FOR RAID MOTHERS

Hundreds of Bristol mothers and children who have suffered in air raids are to be sent to the country and seaside for rest periods of from two to three weeks.

Preliminary details of the scheme were announced by the Lord Mayor (Alderman J. H. Underdown).

"It is hoped to secure hundreds of billets in the country and seaside places in the West country," he said.

Bristol Education Committee recently decided to urge the Ministry of Health to schedule the entire city as an evacuation area immediately.

MOBILE UNITS MEND HOMES

A scheme to repair rapidly workers' war damaged homes has been drawn up between the Ministry of Works and building contractors in Greater London and the southern counties.

Labour, plant and material can be sent where they are most needed with the minimum of delay, each contractor using his men and plant as a unit.

"Every raid must be followed by a swift counter-attack by this mobile army of builders," said the Director of Emergency Repairs, Ministry of Works.

RAID WAS "THUNDER" TO BABIES

When bombs crashed down on a home for blind babies, nurses rescuing the tiny children told them: "It's only a thunderstorm—we're going to take you for a ride."

Tears of fright turned to gurgles of excitement.

"There was no crying—the babies thought it was an exciting game," said Miss V. Lyon, a fire-watcher, who helped in the rescue.

The home was shattered by two bombs in the night raid on Merseyside.

Three nurses were killed and two critically injured. But the twenty-seven babies—some toddlers up to six years old—were rescued unhurt from a basement shelter.

Made It A "Game"

Evacuated to other hospitals, they lay in their cots playing with toys and talking of their "holiday."

The matron, Miss M. E. Smith, herself injured, directed the staff, fire watchers and neighbours.

They made a "game" of rescuing the babies to avoid terrifying them.

The nurses killed were Jean Everingham, 17, of Farm End Cottages, Selby, Yorks; Dorothy Powell, 16, of Swann Hotel, Bolton, Lancs; and Joyce Hughes, 16, of Bucks Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Those seriously injured were Muriel Calderbank, 18, of Brook-lean, Askam-in-Furness, and Mary Ponting, 21, Wolferton Road, Hull. The attack was not on a very heavy scale.

SIX AMERICAN NURSES LOST IN TORPEDOED SHIP

The American Red Cross announced in Washington yesterday that six American nurses are missing from a British ship torpedoed en route to England.—Reuter.

MADE £1,800 -FINED £100

For selling silk stockings in excess of quota, Maurice Ross, of Northumberland Street, Newcastle, was at Newcastle fined £100 with £26 5s. costs.

Ross sold £36,415 worth of stockings on which he made a profit of £1,800.

It was necessary, the prosecutor stated, to cut down public consumption of silk to provide for the manufacture of parachutes.

"This is not a case," he said, "that can be explained away as being the result of a mistake. It is a glaring infraction of the limitation of supplies order."

Ross was said to be a special constable and president of the Jewish community at Whitley Bay.

BRITISH FAR EASTERN POLICY RE-AFFIRMED

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, the Foreign Secretary, declared in the House of Commons yesterday that the Axis recognition of the Nanking regime would make no difference to Government's Far Eastern policy, which was based on recognition of Chungking as the legitimate Chinese National Government.

Mr. Eden was replying to Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Lab.) who invited him to make a statement on the relations between the British Government and Chungking in view of the recent Axis recognition of Nanking.

Mr. Eden continued that on July 7, the Chinese entered on the fifth year of their indomitable resistance.

"I am happy to repeat the assurance I recently gave here that the British Government will continue to do what they can to help China maintain her independence." (Cheers)

Mr. Eden indicated assent when Mr. Noel-Baker expressed the hope that he would transmit that message to the Chinese Government with assurances that it was warmly supported by all parties in the House.

Shipping Shortage

Replying to Major-Gen. Sir Alfred Knox (Cons), Mr. Eden said supplies of rice for the poor in the International Settlement of Shanghai was primarily an affair for the Municipal Council to take up with the Japanese authorities.

Asked if he knew that the price of rice had risen 700 per cent. Mr. Eden said he knew the situation was serious.

Replying to Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons), Mr. Eden said there had been some shortage of shipping in Far Eastern waters resulting in difficulties for the Shanghai Power Company in maintaining coal stocks.

He understood, however, that the company had succeeded in chartering a number of neutral vessels and were negotiating for others.—Reuter.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF ICELAND OCCUPATION NOT MISUNDERSTOOD

THE AMERICAN occupation of Iceland ordered by President Roosevelt in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces in the United States is a stroke whose significance has been universally appreciated and whose boldness has been warmly welcomed in this country, declares "The Times" in an editorial.

The defence of the main Atlantic routes, adds "The Times," is not purely a matter of Anglo-American concern. It is of vital interest to every country which possesses an Atlantic seaboard or whose ships sail the ocean.

"Should the other arm of what President Roosevelt calls the 'German pincer movement' against the western hemisphere become menacing, and should the establishment of further American bases be desirable in order to avert it, Great Britain will certainly be prepared to cooperate once again as she has done in the past and as Iceland has now done in the north," "The Times" added.

"That American armed forces are now stationed within 500 miles of the British Isles is a measure of the colossal progress realized in less than two years from the outbreak of war."

"The Times" continues: "This new instrument and symbol of American aid to Britain is an outstanding contribution to winning the war and it is also a fresh land-mark of American policy."

United States comment on American occupation of Iceland progressed far beyond the points of its consideration as a purely defensive measure.

Nearer To War

Upon implications being analysed, there is a widespread concurrence in the belief that the United States has been brought much closer to open war with Germany.

Leader writers of the interventionist newspapers sound a belated note emphasising Iceland's occupation as an "active action and urging similar and speedy action to occupy Dakar and the Atlantic Islands. Even the normally non-intervention papers concede the wisdom of President Roosevelt's action for the purposes of defence of the western sphere but qualify their approval by criticism that Congress was not consulted.

The "New York Times" columnist, Hanson Baldwin says: "The President's measures imply evidence of the Government's intention to help Britain with military means."

Not Passive

The bases the United States is now establishing in Iceland should not be merely for passive defence, the "New York Times" writes.

"What is most important about Iceland is that it is not merely a base for the defence of Iceland itself but bases for patrolling the sea lanes."

Leonard Engel, in a New York newspaper, writes: "Iceland can also serve as an offensive base for the Americans now there as well as a defensive point."

"The coast of Norway is 915 miles away. Four-motored bombers can reach that far. The United States, by occupying Iceland, has for the first time obtained a possible base for air action against Europe."

Change In Tone

The usually non-interventionist "New York Daily News" says: "The occupation relieves British troops for service elsewhere and will facilitate the protection of American shipments to Britain. 'We are glad the United States has occupied the place.'—Reuter.

ANGELS IN UNIFORM

Many famous British artists have contributed to a display of textile designs, notable for their originality, which are expected to help the export trade.

Anna Zinkeisen has portrayed enchanting young women in uniform and called the design "Angels in Uniform." It should appeal to young women in America who are unable to wear uniforms.

There are badge designs for silk handkerchiefs. Others show young women gazing fondly at aeroplanes, and lovely new colour mixtures have been introduced.

Women will be able to dress in material bordered with tape measures—a design by Eric Ravilious, which includes clocks and griffins, and even boots.

The exhibition is at Manchester Art Gallery.

MEAT MEN WIN STRIKE

Strike of wholesale meat workers which threatened to paralyse the country's meat distribution has been settled.

Involving 2,500 men, the strike began after dismissal of sixty men employed at a bombed London depot. Thirty other depots came out in sympathy.

"The men have returned to work," an official of the Transport and General Workers' Union told the "Daily Mirror."

"The employers have conceded the four disputed points. All notices are withdrawn. No pay is to be stopped."

FLARES IN HAWAII BLACK-OUT

Lights were blotted out in the Hawaiian Islands soon after 9 p.m. recently, as residents, warned of the approach of theoretical enemy bombers, tested a protected black-out.

Sirens, radio announcements and motor messengers heralded the approach of the 'planes.

Isolated hamlets of farthest North Kauai Island were darkened and, far south on Hawaii, Japanese grocers extinguished their kerosene lamps. Lighthouse keepers doused beacons.

The black-out, part of the Army's spring war games, found soldiers manning observation posts burrowed into lava peaks awaiting attackers who, when they came, dropped flares instead

Blazed Again

of explosives.

Then lights blazed again from Kaena point to Koko Head and another black-out, third for the islands in two years, was over.

Gov. J. B. Poindexter, in a radio broadcast, said Hawaii's many racial groups are loyal to America and welcomed the opportunity to cooperate.

Lieut. Gen. Walter C. Short, commanding the Hawaii Department, said the Territory "outdid" itself.

Army planes had scattered leaflets over the islands warning of the black-out and urging full cooperation. Leaflets were printed in English, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian and a Filipino dialect.

During the black-out, civilian controlled this year, 1,500 Red Cross workers set up emergency stations; motorcyclists patrolled highways; 100 civilian trucks equipped with emergency supplies hastened to "bombed" sections and black-out patrols were active.

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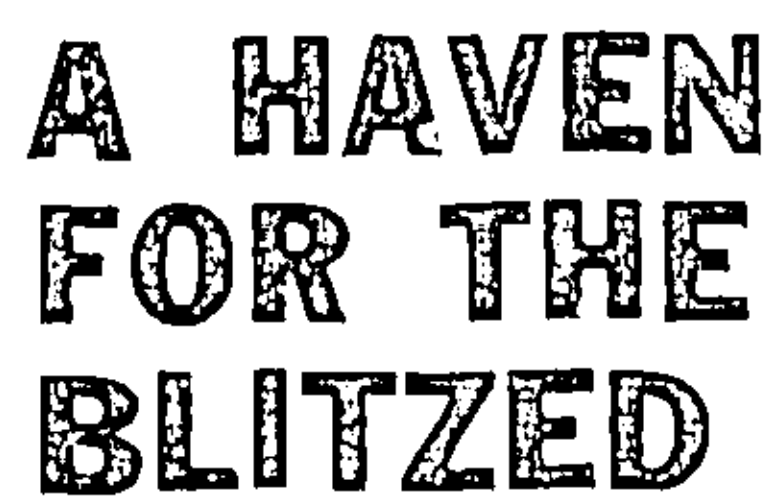
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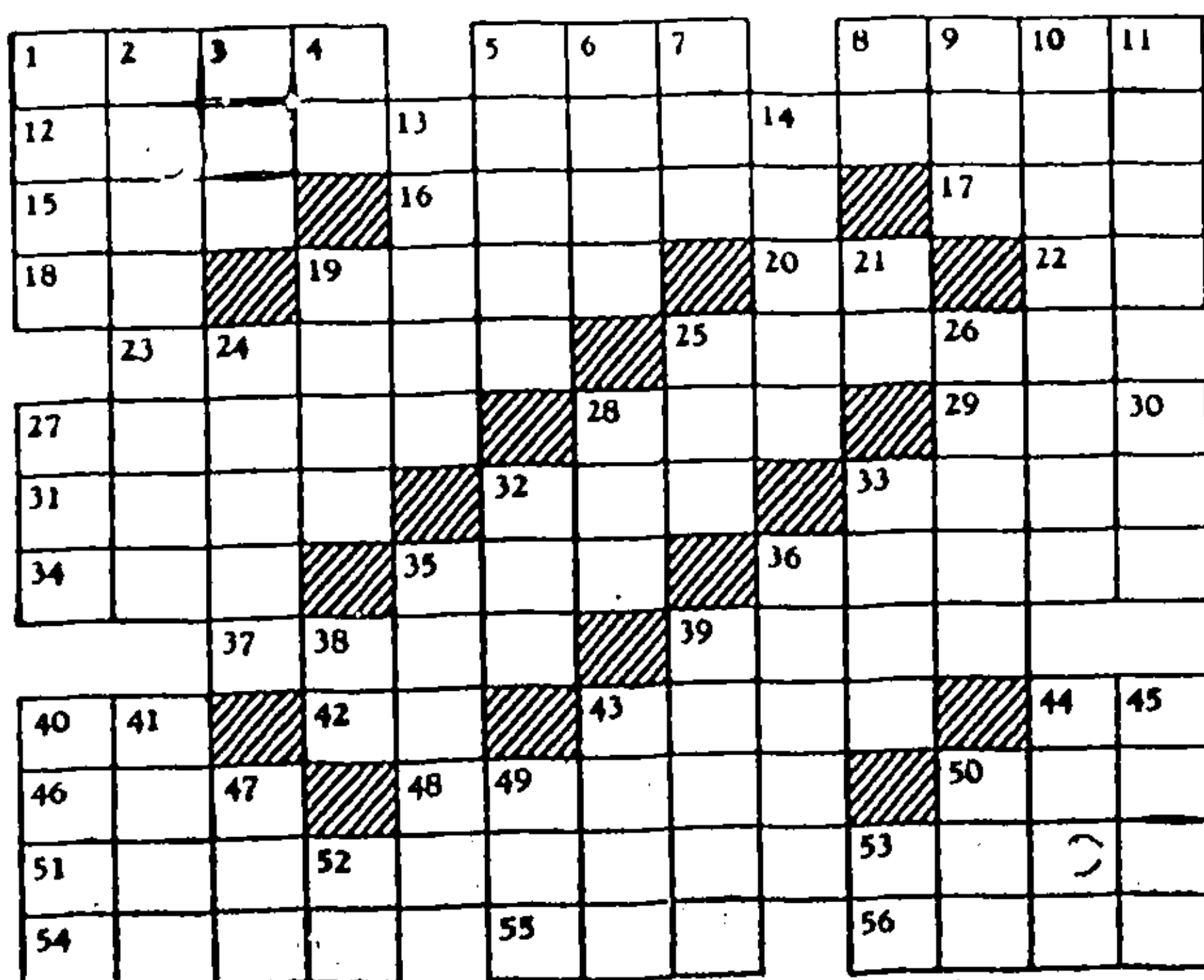
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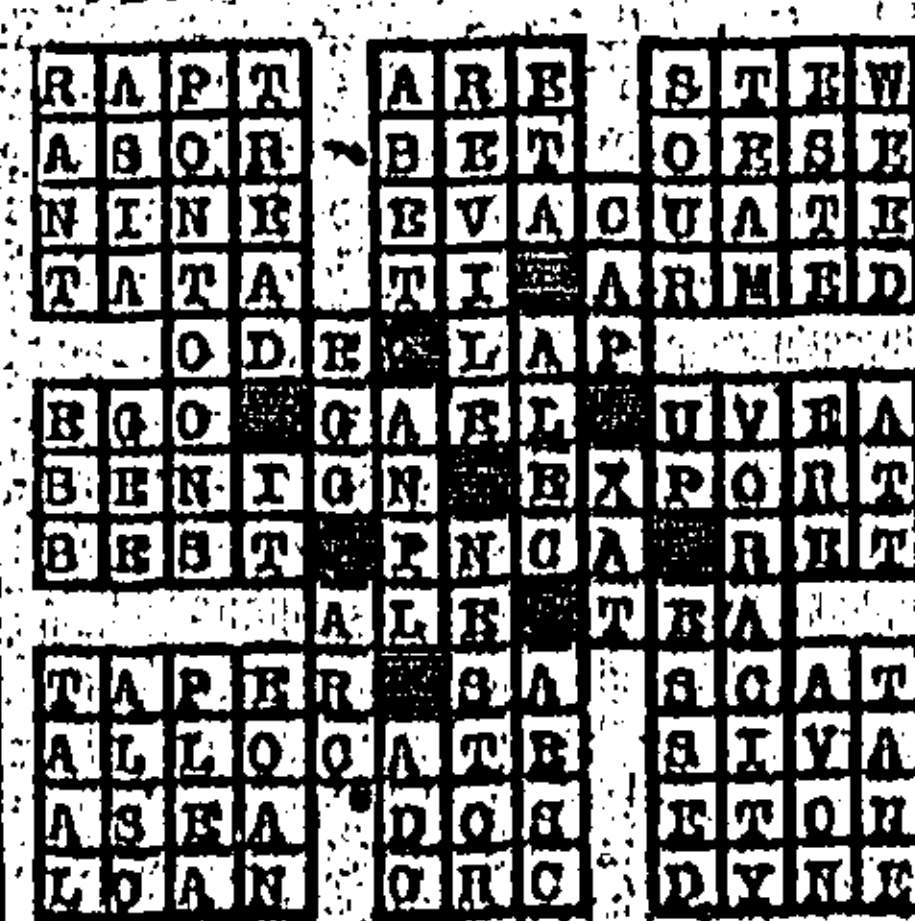
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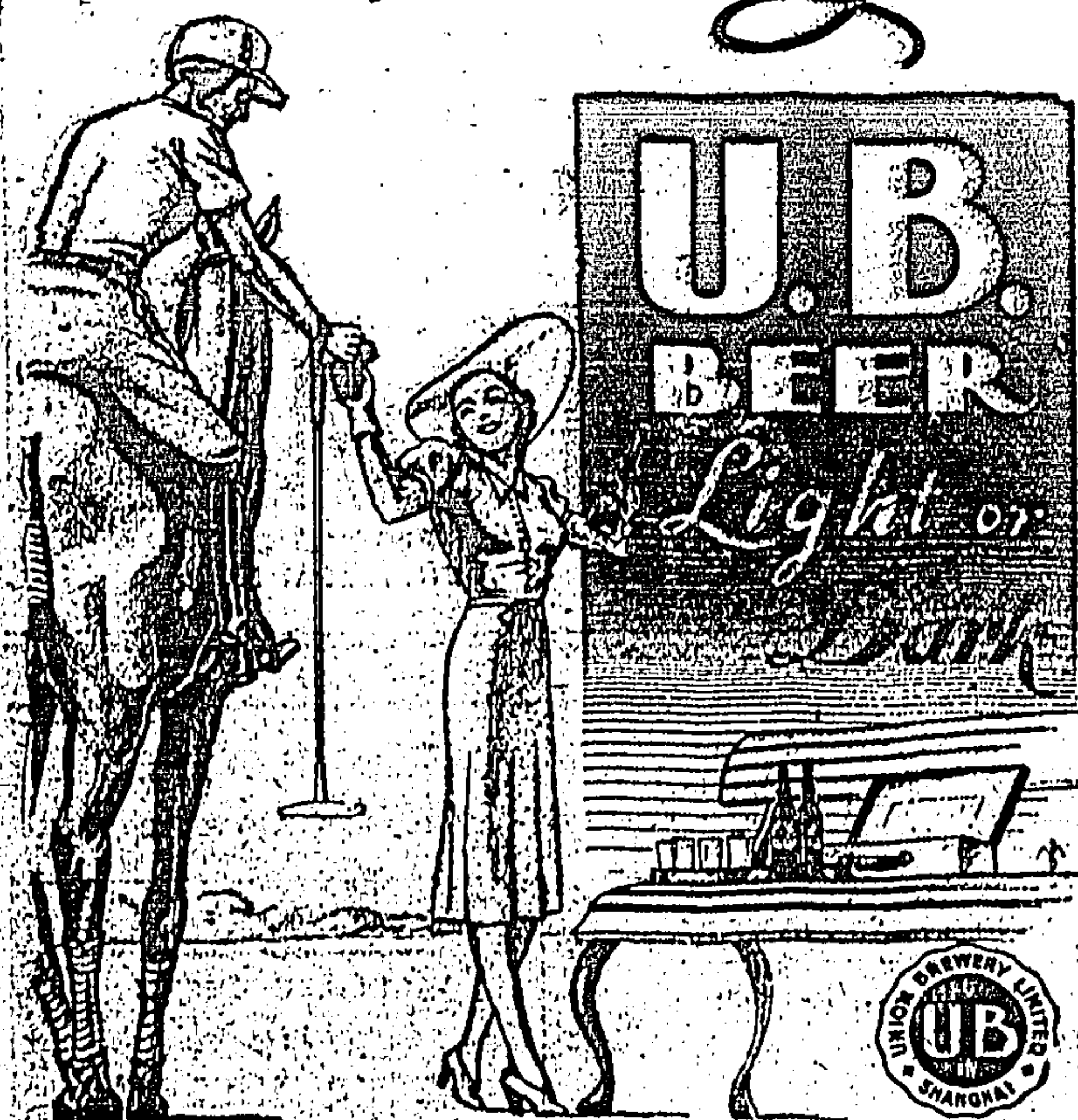
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BOY SAVED A CHURCH FROM DESTRUCTION

MICHAEL O'CONNOR, a 16-year-old messenger boy with a close resemblance to Mickey Rooney, the film actor, saved a church from destruction in the big raid on London.

"I just had to save the church," he said, "because I sleep in the crypt there with my father. He slept for months in a 500-year-old coffin in the crypt, but it has been taken away."

Two fires were blazing on the roof. Mickey, with water and a stirrup pump, climbed up a narrow stairway. He tackled the fires so well that they were easily brought under control. About 350 people were sheltering in the crypt.

"Altogether I helped to put out nine fires," he said. "I wanted to climb on a ledge in the church itself and put out a bomb, but they would not let me. As it was, I fell through one of the windows."

Michael, who spent a recent afternoon at a cinema, is an office boy with a firm of paper agents.

The area incidents officer said: "On his way to the church Mike put out four other incendiary bombs and he played a part in putting out more fires afterwards. The fire officer has commended him for his courage."

"We have had Mike with us for only a fortnight. His first job when the raid began was to take a man who had been hurt through bombs to our first-aid centre."

"That done, he carried seven messages through the heaviest part of the raid and enabled fire and other services to be where they were wanted."

Four hospitals, two museums, two churches, a town hall and a grammar school were among the "military objectives" damaged by Hitler's bombers in the capital's second full-scale raid in four nights.

Much damage was done, particularly in closely packed houses in streets in one area, and casualties were fairly high.

Two of the many enemy bombers, which "celebrated" the eve of Hitler's birthday by more indiscriminate bombing, were shot down. One was the victim of a 32-year-old Hurricane pilot who had previously had two "doubles" last month.

Berlin claimed that the raid was as severe as the previous Wednesday's and that the worst devastation was caused along the Thames, at Millwall docks and at Greenwich.

Trapped in A.R.P. Post

An A.R.P. post in which men and women wardens were trapped; an A.F.S. station, from which 10 bodies have so far been recovered; and a crowded public-house, in which a darts match was being played, were among the buildings hit.

The A.R.P. post was in the basement of a vicarage. A few minutes earlier personnel from another post, which was evacuated, had arrived at the vicarage.

After 15 hours' work a number of bodies had been extricated. Two of the women wardens rescued were Miss Jean Drummond, and Miss Frances Drummond, relatives of Col. Sir Maurice Drummond, Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police. They were able to leave hospital after treatment.

One of London's largest and most beautiful churches was damaged by incendiaries. The clock in the tower chimed out the hours while firemen fought the flames that surrounded it. The next day the clock continued to keep time, though most of the church had been destroyed.

At the A.F.S. station the bodies recovered were those of six firemen, two telephonists, and two messenger boys. One of the telephonists, Mrs. Peters, aged 39, had been working with the A.F.S. since her three children were evacuated.

The other, Miss Hilda Dupree, aged 21, was engaged to a fireman and they were to have had a

"fireman's wedding" in a fortnight.

In another area six wardens, who had been fighting incendiary bombs, returned to report that no buildings were on fire when a high-explosive bomb hit the post. They were all killed.

A London hospital which was evacuated because of bomb damage and reoccupied a little time ago had a block destroyed.

One of the staff said: "Nurse O'Sullivan, an Irish girl aged about 20, was killed while hurrying to remove 10 children. The children were unhurt. The ward sister got them out just in time."

Two patients were killed and 11 are missing.

Two War Reserve police and two fire watchers were killed when a bomb struck a block of flats and a disused cinema.

Many raiders, turned back by the ground defences and night patrols, dumped their bombs on towns and villages in East Anglia and South-East England.

An East Anglian town had its heaviest casualty list. Many lives were lost and a large number of persons injured, several seriously.

Six people, including two wardens, were killed and six injured in a South-East town.

Parliament Hit

The Houses of Parliament were again hit in a recent raid. Bombs struck the Speaker's House in an inner quadrangle and a large tank was smashed, the water adding to the structural damage.

Capt. E. A. Fitzroy, the Speaker, was not in residence and no one was hurt.

The Commons suffered more than the Lords. All the windows of the library were blown out and some damage was done to the contents.

Along the terrace by the river hundreds of windows were shattered and the apartments of the Office Keeper were also struck. The roof of the members' lobby which was hit in a previous raid, was against affected, but the debating Chamber is believed to have escaped.

Neither House was in session, and there were no casualties among the staff or fire watchers.

Wren's largest church, St. Andrew's, Holborn, was destroyed in a recent raid.

TWO SCHOOLBOYS TAKE HUN PILOT

Two prefects at a public school have achieved the ambition of every school-boy—they captured a German pilot.

They went up to him and talked to him until a car came along.

They stopped this, popped the German inside it with a word of explanation to the driver—and went calmly back to school.

HOSPITALS UNDER SHOPS

The Government is trying to open air-raid hospitals in the basements of big stores all over the country.

The Minister of Health told the "Daily Mirror" that when he visited a new "shadow" hospital under a Birmingham store.

Many operations were performed there during the city's last blitz.

Patients were brought by ambulance and carried through the streets in stretchers to the store, taken down in the lift, and immediately operated on. After the raid they were moved to other hospitals.

In a raid the counters and goods in the store can be cleared and the hospital equipment and beds set up in a few minutes.

"This hospital was a valuable addition to the general hospital during the last raid," the Minister said.

"It saved the lives of many people."

7,500 TO 1 AGAINST

The odds against being hit by a German bomb in Britain are 7,500 to one, according to Mr. Bowne McCoy, director of American Red Cross in Britain, now in the U.S. — Associated Press.

SCOUTS HAVE 178 DIFFERENT WAR JOBS

IN A ROOM decorated with Baden-Powell's paintings wearing the green and yellow riband of the highest Scout decoration, the Silver Wolf, Lord Somers, the new Chief Scout, sits for three days every week carrying on Baden-Powell's work.

Nobody has inherited the title of Chief Scout of the World, but 54-year-old Lord Somers is Chief Scout of the Empire, leading half a million boys in Britain and twice as many overseas.

Scouts, he told the "News Chronicle", are doing 178 different war jobs, including fire-spotting, rescuing furniture, acting as messengers and telephonists, working in rest centres and ambulances.

One troop has trained to help in operating theatres. They put up Morrison indoor shelters and even collect medicinal herbs.

One G.C., Eight G.M.s

Apart from numbers of Scout decorations for gallantry they have won eight George Medals and one George Cross. One had who had put out three incendiary

bulbs tried to put out a fourth. It was an H.E., and he was killed.

"There is no war job, save purely technical jobs, that they have not already learned," said Lord Somers. "They led the fire brigades during the big fire come from far afield into what was to the firemen strange country. Scouts met them on the outskirts and took them direct to their objectives."

"Scout scouts are in demand as signallers and 400 of them have been co-opted for service in convoys already. As more and more reach the age of 18, they will be taken into the service."

The Scout movement, he added, is looking forward to re-creating its international character after the war.

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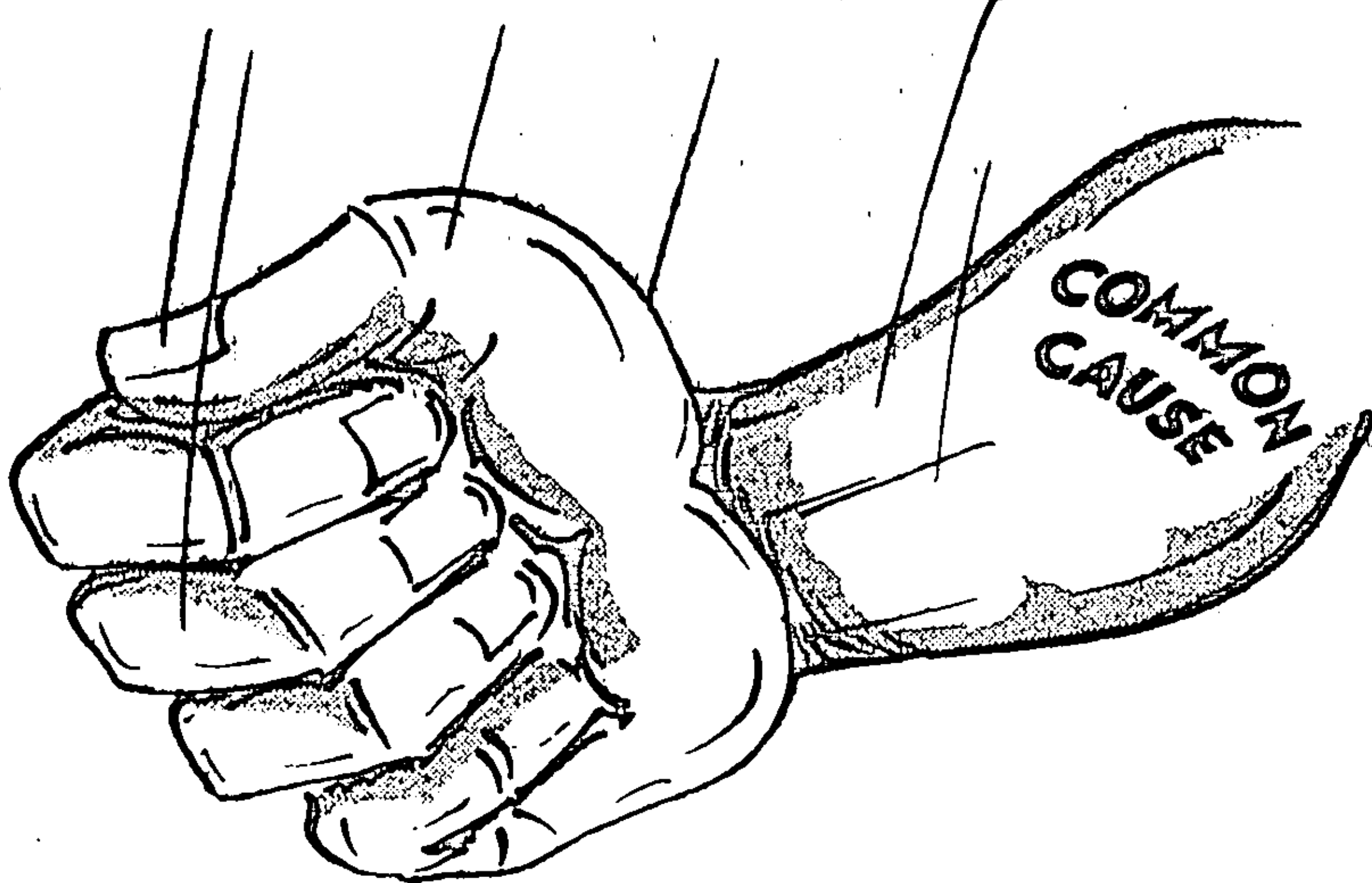
WINDSOR HOUSE

ICELAND

American occupation of Iceland and the Presidential declaration removing, in effect, any hemispheric boundary of United States defence operations, advances the United States a further bold step, with obvious implications. The President has merely implemented the theme of his recent speech in which he declared the folly of waiting until an enemy has begun offensive operations before taking defensive measures.

Whether they realise it or not, the dwindling number of Americans who have been contending that the United States should fight "only if invaded" are supporting a particular theory of military and diplomatic strategy, and a discredited one. They are saying, in effect, not that they will fight only if their own national interests are vitally affected, which is a much different contention, but that they will fight only on their own soil. This is another way of saying that if there is a war the enemy will have the advance assurance that it will be U.S. territory that will be the battlefield and not his; that it will be U.S. civilians who will suffer the incidental and perhaps decisive costs and not his; and that the great advantage of the initial surprise will be accorded to him. And it is at least partly because they followed such a policy—and prepared only for such a policy—that Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, France, Yugoslavia and Greece met their present fate.

Any country that shows in advance that it will fight only on its own territory must lose the diplomatic battle that precedes war. It must lose the preceding and continuing "war of nerves." Hitler has made his bloodless as well as bloody conquests by terror and blackmail and threats. Because nations threatened were either weak or only defensively armed, they could not threaten Hitler in turn. By threats he stood to lose nothing, therefore, and gain a great deal. All the psychological strain of vigilance, tenseness and fear fell upon those whom he chose or might choose for his victims. He has even been able to secure an increasing number of "allies" because, though they hate him, they fear him more. America is a different case. She can answer back and President Roosevelt has done so.



DOWN ON IT!

Transatlantic Air Service

Crediting the war with having made both necessary and possible the "forced-draft technical advancement of trans-oceanic air service," Mr. J. T. Trippe, President of the Pan American Airways System, told British aviation experts in London on June 17 that he confidently expects to see multiple daily schedules, requiring but twelve hours for the non-stop continent-to-continent flight, in regular operation over this "aerial life-line" between the United States and Europe within the next two years.

Mr. Trippe, who is in London to discuss aviation matters concerning America's international air transport system with British and other officials, presented the twenty-ninth Wilbur Wright Memorial Lecture on the subject of "Ocean Air Transport," before the annual meeting of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the world's oldest organized aviation group.

The Operating Record

To date, the Pan American Clippers have completed 352 scheduled transatlantic crossings. On these flights they have transported the record totals of 4,685 passengers, 445,390 pounds of United States mail, and 365,350 pounds of foreign mails. The transatlantic Clippers have flown 1,500,000 miles across the ocean and have flown more than 25,500,000 passenger miles "without incident."

"It is particularly gratifying," Mr. Trippe said "that the transatlantic air mail service is currently operating at a profit to the United States Government. The postage revenue accruing to the United States Treasury is well in excess of the cost to the government of the service operated by Pan American Airways. The company, however, has not fared so well. A large proportion of its revenue is dependent upon mail payments from European governments. In view of the conditions existing, many of these accounts remain unpaid, and several of them are many months in arrears."

"The methods developed to achieve this record represent America's principal contribution to ocean air transport. This operating technique, which Pan American has been engaged in developing for more than ten years, has contributed first, the Multiple Flight Crew. Through the highly organized training and operation of this 11-man flight unit, it is now possible to conduct transport flights as long as 24 hours in duration."

"Second, the development of power plants accessible for repair or adjustment in flight has demonstrated an important new safety factor. During the past two years, in which this Boeing

type of Clipper has been in operation on both the Atlantic and the Pacific, we have had 431 cases of repairs made in flight. In each of these, affected power plants were kept going or else quickly returned to operation. In 64 of these cases, had the engines not been accessible, the causes of the failures were of such a serious nature that the ship would have been forced to return to its nearest base with only three of its engines in operation.

"Third, development of a system of Scientific Flight Control, a unique advancement in long-range air transport—essentially a third-dimensional flight path, plotted with scientific exactitude through all known conditions affecting each individual flight."

Effects Of The War

This pioneer transatlantic service instituted by Pan American Airways was inaugurated on May 20, 1939. Within three months of the establishment of the service, the war in Europe seriously curtailed normal surface transport and imposed increasingly heavy burdens on the air service which automatically became the most effective, as well as the swiftest means of transport between the United States and Europe. As one result, the airline was required to carry passenger and mail loads as great as ten times the originally estimated volume of this traffic. At the same time, unforeseeable wind, weather and sea conditions, particularly during the winter months, imposed new problems for the air service.

"A few months after the opening of operations in 1939, and shortly after the outbreak of war, we released an order for six additional Boeing B-314-A transports for delivery early in 1941. Four of these have now been delivered, three of which have been transferred to the British Government. The remaining aircraft on this order should enable us soon to increase the frequency of service from the present three to six scheduled round trips each week on the Atlantic."

Super-Clippers Coming

Describing the steps already taken by Pan American Airways towards the future advancement of this transatlantic service, Mr. Trippe revealed that shortly after the service was instituted in 1939, specializations were released to manufacturers inviting bids on

the design and development of a new type of Clipper which the company's experience to date indicated as required for the next step in trans-oceanic air service. Mr. Trippe disclosed that construction contracts for a fleet of such advanced aircraft were actually let in June, 1940, with the first deliveries scheduled for early in 1942.

Concerning these new ocean transports, Mr. Trippe said: "I regret that I am not yet at liberty to disclose the technical details of these aircraft. I can, however, cite certain of the immediate and specific problems encountered in our transatlantic operations, the presence of which we had in mind in their procurement."

1. "During the months between October 1 and April 1, sea-swells in the harbour of Horta exceeded three feet on 35 days out of each hundred, and exceeded two and one-half feet on 57 days out of each hundred. The effective solution of this cause of delayed schedules is an increase of 1200 miles in the practical commercial range of trans-oceanic aircraft so as to permit continent-to-continent non-stop operation."

2. "Wind aloft records maintained through the past two years indicate that higher cruising speeds of at least 75 to 100 miles an hour greater than those now available, are desirable. This involves high-altitude, super-charged operations."

3. "Finally the recurring ice problem on the North Atlantic coast points to the advantages of landplane operations. Ocean transports of a landplane type could also permit direct service between metropolitan airports on both sides of the Atlantic."

Future Advance Swift

Looking confidently toward the future, Mr. Trippe outlined certain specific technical advances which were now within reach. He envisioned increased wing-loadings up to 80 pounds per square foot, high aspect ratios of 11, useful to-gross weight ratios of 50%, while efficient 3,000-horsepower engines are already in prospect. "Before the next two years have passed, I believe we can, with confidence, look forward to frequent, daily flights, operating on twelve hour schedules to bridge what was once a great barrier ocean between the new world and the old."

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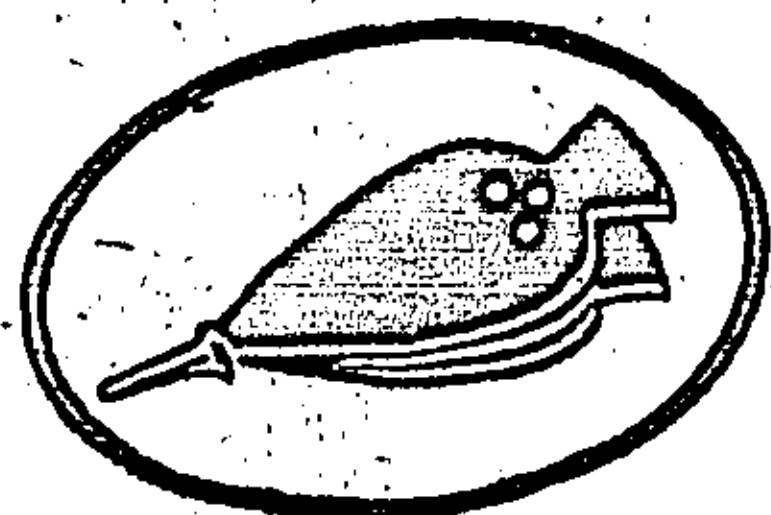
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CHANGES IN AIR WAR OVER BRITAIN

(By Major Oliver Stewart)

THE TEMPORARY cessation of heavy aerial bombing gave time and opportunity for a change in the strategical situation on the home front to be apprehended and for the new duties which will be imposed upon the population of these islands when the fighting flares up again to be defined and understood.

In the past passive defence has been imposed by the strategical conditions. In the future active defence will become available. It will be the background for the heavy counter-attacks now in preparation.

In the past the approach of the enemy bombing aircraft was the signal for many non-combatant members of the community to take cover. The general atmosphere in the country was one of enduring the blows that were known to be coming without flinching.

But now there is in every field the appropriate counter-stroke. The majority of the civilian population are mobilised and trained for active defence measures. They are fire-watchers, fire fighters, A.R.P. workers, first-aid squads, and the like. Almost everybody has his specific task.

Fighting Back

So now when a big aerial attack develops the people of our cities no longer take cover, they come out to fight the enemy with the appropriate implements. Instead of going to ground they rise and shine. Firemen fight airmen. The A.R.P. services save life and property. The rescue and first-aid squads are active. The repair organisations get to work. Those who organise the housing and feeding of the people whose homes have been destroyed go into action. Members of the Home Guard stand to.

It is the gradual shifting of the initiative. Unlike the operations in Libya, the initiative in the air war at home is not suddenly passed from side to side. We have to grasp it by prolonged effort, by increased activity and toughness in defence with mounting counter-attack.

Improving Defences

Our improving defences are not alone the outcome of the more active efforts of the civil defence workers. They are also the outcome of technical improvements in the Royal Air Force and in the anti-aircraft guns and their accessories and equipment. The "other devices" are beginning to come into play.

Sir Alan Brooke has warned us that an invasion attempt is likely, and that air-borne troops would play a big part in one. Many of them might, he said, be landed by glider.

For dealing with such probabilities it is obvious that the intensified activities of the civil defence forces are of the utmost value. A nation that goes to ground in heavy raids is clearly more easily surprised by air-borne troops than one which is out and about looking for trouble.

The New Bomb

The other side of the picture, the mounting British air offensive, is of equal importance. During the week it has been officially announced that a new type of bombs has been used by the Royal Air Force on targets in Germany. It is said to be far more effective than earlier types.

Readers will not expect to hear any details of this bomb in these columns. The most general comments might prove of value to the enemy. No technical information about it has been officially accorded, and we must be content for the moment with the vague and purely figurative remark that its explosive effect is "five times" that of other types.

Bomb design, however, lends scope for a great deal of work. From the external shape, which may be deliberately adjusted to afford a high air drag so as to prevent the bomb from attaining

too great a velocity — as in the case of small incendiary bombs — to the explosive filler and the fuse, there is endless opportunity for design ingenuity.

Heavier Loads

Our armament experts have obviously been successful in making a fairly large advance in this field. The wider consequence is that our air offensive against Germany will be augmented in three separate directions, by the increased load-carrying capacity of the new bombers, such as the Stirling, the Manchester and Halifax; by the large bomber force which is now becoming available, and by the increased destructive power of the bombs themselves.

The Stirling can carry a heavy load of bombs. The American Consolidated Liberator is said to be carrying more than four tons of bombs, and they say that this machine has in addition to this, excellent weight-lifting power, the high top speed of more than 330 miles an hour.

The bomb load of these machines varies inversely with the range at which they are operating, because of the fuel requirements. For attacks on places as near as the enemy's base at Brest the bomb load would be much greater than for attacks on places as far distant as Berlin. This must be borne in mind when comparing enemy raids with our own.

A Comparison

A study of German bomb loads and operational strength appears in "The Engineer." In it German statements are analysed, and it is concluded that during a period of 140 days of intensive raiding forty tons of bombs were dropped in eight raids per day. It is argued that this would mean — with the aircraft then in use, some of which were fighter-bombers — an average of forty aircraft per raid. In some of the concentrated raids 700 tons of bombs were sometimes said to have been taken, and this would mean some 500 bombing aircraft.

These considerations show how great is the advantage conferred upon the Royal Air Force Bomber Command by the turning out in quantity by our factories and by those of the United States of the new and bigger bombers. By reducing the number of aeroplanes needed for a given weight of attack, they ease the operational and traffic control problems.

Another point also emerges. The hard hitting of our fighters with their batteries of eight machine-guns, caused the Germans to fit their aeroplanes with an increasing weight of protective armour. This had the effect of diminishing their bomb load.

DODGED FIRE WATCH: FINED

Sophocles Zisirus, employed as a waiter in the restaurant of Stagg and Russell's, Leicester Square, failed to carry out fire-prevention duties allotted to him and was prosecuted at Bow Street and convicted and fined £5.

WEST END VICAR CLEARED

The Rev. Ernest Robert d'Arcy Hutton, 31, vicar of the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston Street, W., was found not guilty, at the Old Bailey of committing an improper act with a boy of 17 at his Hyde Park Mansions flat.

FRANCE NEEDS CATS

Commenting on an anti-rat campaign which is being waged in France, the Paris correspondent of the Madrid Catholic organ Ya points out that in the long run the most efficient and cheapest enemy of the rat is the cat. He added that he had not the "slightest objection to declaring that stewed cat is eaten on a large scale in Paris and neighbourhood."

DEAD HERO HUNTED AS 'DESERTER'

Months after her A.F.S. husband had been buried in a hero's grave, a widow received his calling-up papers from the Ministry of Labour.

He had been actually sought as a deserter. James Dunkerley Spalding, 31, was one of five members of the Oldham A.F.S. killed fighting fires in the Manchester blitz and was buried with four others at a public funeral in Oldham on December 28 last.

"I at once gave up my husband's ration and identification cards," Mrs. Spalding, of Ethel Street, Oldham, told the "Daily Mirror."

"Yet on February 19 I received his calling-up papers. I told the authorities that a mistake had been made, but on March 27 the papers came again."

Detective's Errand

"This week a detective came into the street saying that he was looking for my husband as a deserter."

"Neighbours told him of the terrible mistake that had been made and he did not come to the house."

"The calling-up papers I have given to the chief of the A.F.S., who is taking the matter up."

Spalding left two children, 5 years and 13 months.

'PLANE HIT, GOT REVENGE

His bomber hit by A.A. fire while on a raid over occupied Holland, a British pilot determined to do as much damage as he could.

Both wings of the machine were damaged.

Determined to fight to the last, the pilot came down very low and gave his gunners a chance to fire at the gun which had hit their plane.

They saw the gun crew fall.

The gun was silenced.

Then a stick of bombs was dropped on a line of barges.

The pilot turned his plane in the direction of England and reached home.



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R.S.M.'S STORY OF ROBBERY BY A MAJOR

ALLEGATIONS THAT AN Army major had assaulted him, seized hold of him by the throat as he lay on the floor and extracted £2 from his wallet were made by a former regimental quarter-master-sergeant at a general court-martial held at Leeds.

The witness stated this after confessing he had shared in the proceeds of an alleged fraud with the major.

The case was that in which Major John Vernon Gibson, 47, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, commanding officer of a technical training group, appeared to answer to forty-six charges, including conspiracy, embezzlement, forgery and uttering forged documents, the amount involved being about £400.

"Twisting All Round"

In calling for Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant H. B. Wright to give evidence, Captain M. H. Rogers, prosecuting, said: "He has already been dealt with for his connection with these crimes."

Wright described alleged frauds committed in connection with travelling expenses of members of the training group, and also relating to a deduction of 1s. monthly from the men's pay for barracks damages and amenities.

Wright said that the profits from these frauds went regularly into Major Gibson's pocket, and that in August last he told Gibson that members of the staff were complaining about the monthly deduction from their pay and saying they did not benefit.

Major Gibson said Wright became angry but promised to hand him a third share of the profits derived from fraud for the staff. He only handed over a quarter of the August profits.

"I pointed out to him," said Wright, "that he was not sharing according to his promise and that now he was even twisting all the way round. The major was very annoyed with me."

"Chased Round Desk"

Wright said that on another occasion, out of about £100 profit he himself retained £33 10s. 6d. for himself and the staff.

When he handed over the balance of £67 10s. to the major, Gibson said he wanted all the money.

"Major Gibson then assaulted me," continued Wright. "He rose from his desk and cut off my retreat for the door. He chased me round the desk two or three times."

"I caught my knee against a chair and fell to the floor. The major then got on top of me and took me by the throat. There was a struggle. I had the wind up."

Captain Rogers: How did you get away?
Wright: I think he realised he had done something very drastic. He took my wallet out of my pocket. There was only £2 in it. He took it and threw away the wallet."

LASH TO "REDEEM HONOUR"

For forty-five minutes two pretty girls mercilessly lashed with a cat-o'-nine-tails the bare body of Max Caldwell, prominent university athlete, "as redemption of honour."

This happened at Camdenton, Missouri. Standing near, urging them to lash hard, stood Dr. Robert Murrell, fiancé of Hilda Rhodes, one of the girls whom Caldwell is alleged to have betrayed during a gay party a year ago.

When Murrell proposed the other day to blonde Hilda, she whispered to him the story of the betrayal.

"Then before I marry, you I want you to avenge yourself," Murrell told her.

"Pull Off Your Shirt"

So the other day Murrell invited Caldwell to his home. "Pull off your shirt and lie on the floor," Murrell ordered him.

Hilda and her close friend, Aldythen Keith, entered the room. Murrell handed the cat-o'-nine-tails to Hilda, and she lashed Caldwell until she was exhausted. Then on Murrell's orders Aldythen continued the lashing.

All three were arrested. Caldwell denied having betrayed Miss Rhodes.

FAKED AGE TO JOIN UP

—Gaoled

A man who joined up in the last war by giving his age as 19 when he was really 14, wanted to serve in this war too.

But as the result of giving his wrong age last time, his Army papers showed that he was too old to serve in the present war.

So—it was alleged at Maidenhead Police Court—he stole a blank birth certificate and filled it up himself with the idea of getting in the Army again. And the result was a prison sentence.

The man was Danely Ralph Milner, fancy goods manufacturer of Eastfield, Furze Platt, Maidenhead. He was sentenced to a month's hard labour for stealing a blank certificate, and to fourteen days for misleading the Army authorities.

It was stated that Milner is a married man with six children.

Mr. E. C. Jones, prosecuting, said that Milner went to the Hampstead registrar's office, and when the registrar's back was turned took a blank form out of the book.

Keen To Join

The form, said Mr. Jones, was used by Milner in an attempt to get a commission in the Army, and gave his age as 41, whereas he was 47.

In a statement to the police Milner said: "I was desperately keen on joining the Army, and was asked to produce my birth certificate. I filled it up from memory, and from particulars on my marriage certificate."

He told the Court that a clerk in the registrar's office gave him the blank form, but he would not disclose the clerk's name. In the last war, he said, he joined up when he was fourteen, giving his age as 19.

When sentenced, Milner said he would appeal.

ONLY ONE ARM BUT HE DODGED THE NAZIS

A British officer who lost an arm and was taken prisoner at Dunkirk has escaped from his Nazi captors.

This was revealed by the announcement that Lieutenant J. M. Langley, M.C., has been awarded the O.B.E. Lieutenant Langley is the son of Mr. F. O. Langley, magistrate at Old Street Police Court.

He won his M.C. during the rear-guard action fought by the Coldstream Guards on the banks of the Yser Canal during the Dunkirk evacuation.

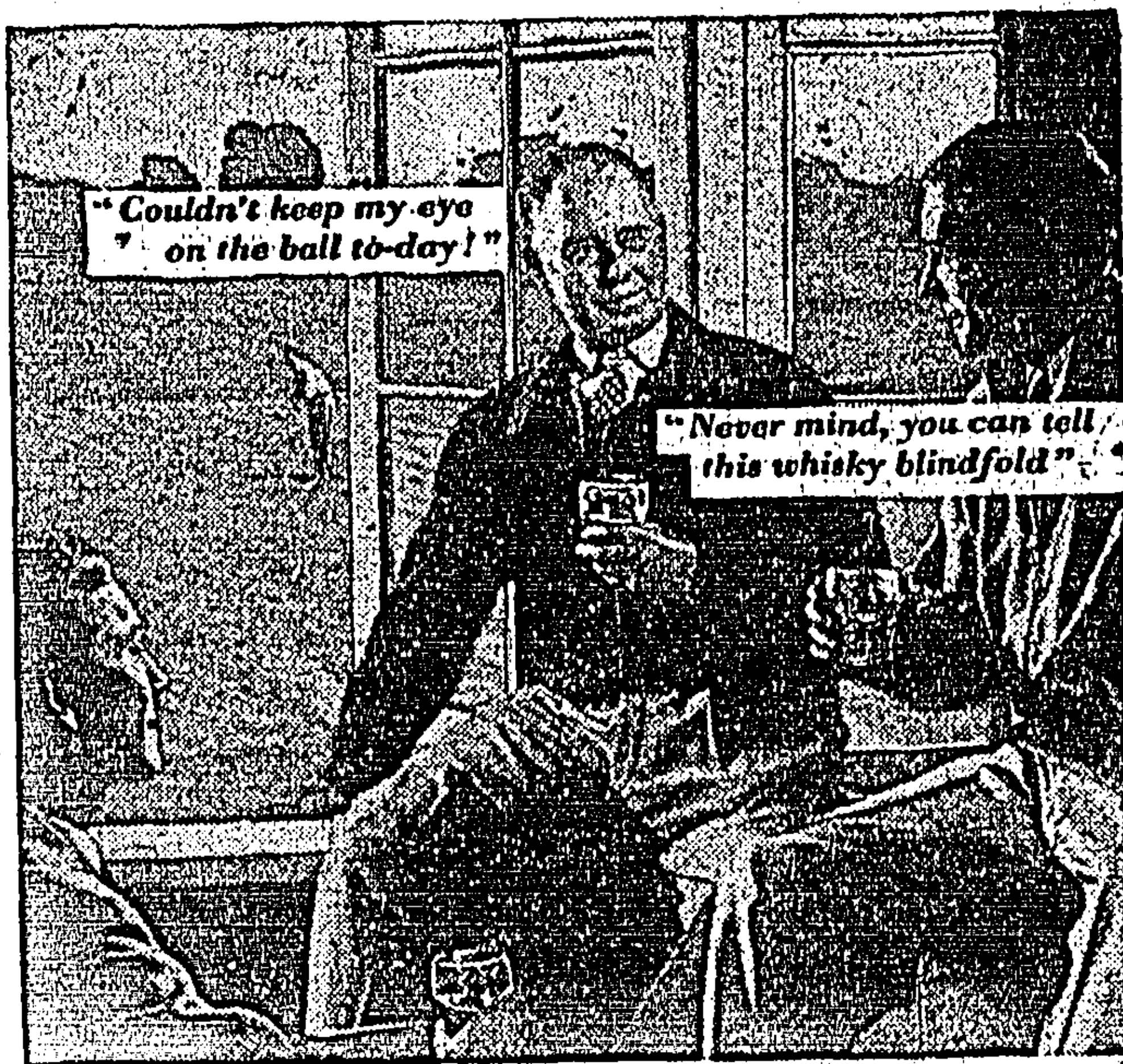
While he was operating a Bren gun from a Belgian cottage, a shell burst and wounded him. Only the immediate amputation of his left arm could save his life, and this was done. Lieutenant Langley was unable to wade through the water to the waiting ships off Dunkirk and had to be left at a casualty station with other wounded men. With them he was captured by the Germans.

M.P.'S APOLOGY TO THE ASTORS

Mr. Leach (Soc. Bradford Central), in Parliament made a personal apology to the Astor family for a statement he made about the Astor gardens at Cliveden.

This statement, he said, was based on the Press interview given by the head gardener, Mr. Young, who was reported to have said there were fifteen gardeners under him, and they did not intend to grow for the country.

Mr. Leach said a question he addressed to the Minister of Agriculture did not go beyond any of the statements in the interview.



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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	2866	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2866 Junction of Yee Chau Street and Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. H. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 18,360	\$252 \$11,016

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,102.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	4311	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4311 Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road & Mok Cheung Street, Ma Tau Chung.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 14,830	\$170 \$11,160

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,116.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

BRIDGE NOTES

TURNABOUT

By The Four Aces

Turnabout is fair play, according to the old adage; and in today's hand we see West using, as a defender, a weapon usually employed by the Declarer.

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH			
10	5		
A	10	8	5
Q	7		
A	K	8	3

WEST			
K	Q	J	3
K	J		
K	8	2	
J	9	5	2

EAST			
9	7	6	4
Q	9	6	4
8	5		
Q	7	4	

SOUTH			
A	8	2	
7	3		
A	J	10	9
4	3		
10	6		

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

South's contract was ambitious, it must be admitted, but it would have been fulfilled if the diamond King had been located in the East hand or if the defence had made a not improbable mistake.

West opened the King of spades, East playing the encouraging seven, and South won at once with the spade Ace. A holdup of the spade Ace, South reasoned, was pointless since the contract hinged on the diamond finesse. If it succeeded, no spade holdup was necessary; if the finesse failed, West would gain the lead to run his spades in spite of any holdup by South.

Declarer next led a club to dummy's King and returned the Queen of diamonds for a finesse. It was at this point that West decided turnabout was fair play. He simply refused to win the first diamond trick with his King.

The play was simple enough but the effect was devastating. Declarer led another diamond from the dummy, finessing again (for West had refused the trick without telltale hesitation). West accepted the trick this time—and South was unable ever again to get back to his own hand. Good management enabled him to win six tricks—but it's a pretty sad business when you have to play carefully to be set only three tricks!

Note particularly that South would have made his contract if West had taken the first diamond trick. The defence could take three spades and the diamond King, but South would make game with five diamonds, three side Aces, and the club King.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

A	J	9	8
K	10	4	
K	5		
J	9	8	7

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	

ANSWER: Bid one spade. The hearts are not strong enough for a double raise, the hand is not quite strong enough for a jump to two no-trump, and there is no good reason to suppress the spades in any event. Score 100% for one spade, 30% for two no-trump, 20% for either two or three hearts.

Question No. 764

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♥	Pass	(?)	

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CRASH KILLS R.A.F. MEN

Flying Officer Ralph Scott, born at Doncaster, and Leading Aircraftman John Rogers Talbot Cox, a Middlesex man, were killed when a Harvard training plane crashed near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

BRITISH SOLDIERS ESCAPED BY 1,200 MILE HIKE

TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS, captured in Northern France, lay in a ditch a few miles beyond an East Prussian prison camp and plotted by the stars a course to liberty. Then they shook hands and went stealthily into the night.

Weeks afterwards they shook hands again, two men who had dared all—and won through.

Their escape, revealed in the House of Commons, had taken them nearly 1,200 miles, from Prussia into Poland, into Hungary, Czechoslovakia, into Yugoslavia, into Greece, and so to safety.

All the time as they travelled southwards a great silence was round them, for the Foreign Secretary told M.P.s they could not speak one word of the language of any of the countries through which they passed.

The sun and the stars alone had any message for them, and that message kept them going.

Imagine their hardships as warm days and nights of autumn went and the mists and snowstorms came.

Every Day Harder

Every day for two wearied men the journey was harder; some days they must have made only a few miles, sometimes, no doubt, they crept under the tarpaulins of goods trucks and waited for the wheels to start up their staccato freedom song.

They "won" their food where they could as they went through war-torn, starving Poland; through Yugoslavia still held undecided by the dictates of her Regent Prince. They drank from streams; they snatched sleep, but they never knew rest.

Now they are again fighting on its side.

They have rejoined their units in the Western Desert.

"NONCONFORMISTS IN ARMY PERSECUTED"

A soldier who asked a sergeant if he might attend service was told there were more important things than religion, declared the Rev. W. Tooteil, at the Birmingham Methodist Synod.

The President of the Methodist Church (Dr. Henry Bett) said there was something like persecution on Nonconformists. They were put on fatigue while Anglicans were allowed to go to church.

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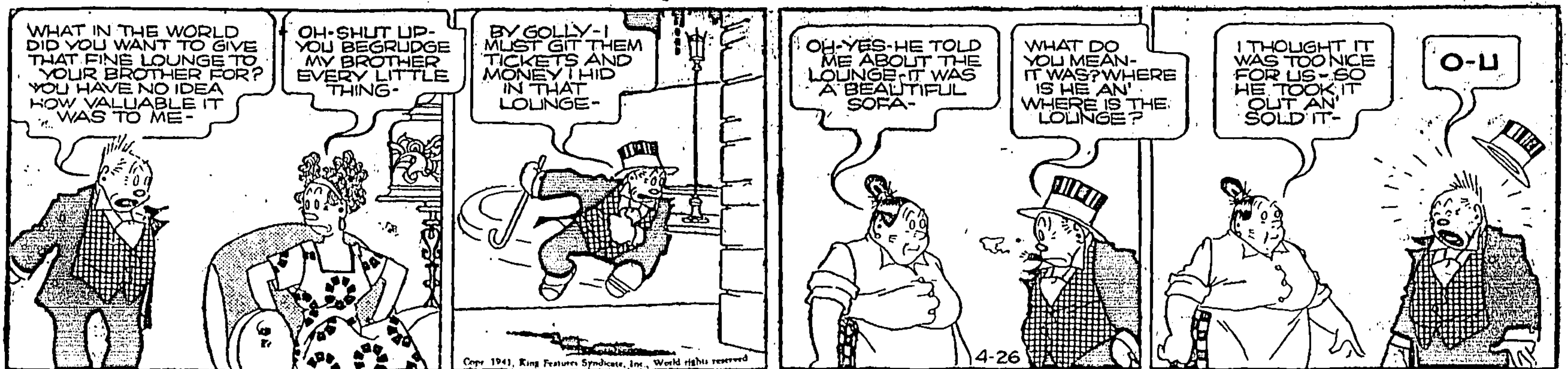
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By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

If Ears Stick Out, Paste Them Back This Way

Mothers of children, and many grown girls, write and ask me how they can train their ears to be flat.

Some doctors advocate little scientific caps for young children, which keep the ears pressed back while they sleep. But the efficacy of this treatment has been questioned—it may work while the ear is still soft when the child is very young.

But there is one sure way for grown girls to keep their ears from sticking out and spoiling their beauty, and it is so simple that I wonder all of us have not thought about doing it before. One of those Hollywood wizards told me about it.

You buy some liquid adhesive in a drug store. Squeeze out some and put it in back of the upper part of the ear. Press back the ear on it and do the same on the other side. Then wind a fishnet cap, or a headache band tightly around your head and leave it on for ten or fifteen minutes until the adhesive is dry. Your ears will stay in place until night time, when you roll off the adhesive with your fingers. It rolls off like a thick gum.

Do be careful to keep it on your ear and not get it into your hair—or it will pull out the hair.

So those of you who have an ear problem can now wear your hair combed high without being sensitive about your beauty! It's



A Cape Cod fishnet hair band is wonderfully cool for summer when you roll up your ends on curlers or pins. It is also handy when you give your skin a facial.

a grand beauty trick to pass on to another friend who has the same problem and maybe there are a couple of men who would like to know about it!

Suggestion For Triple Beauty Treatment

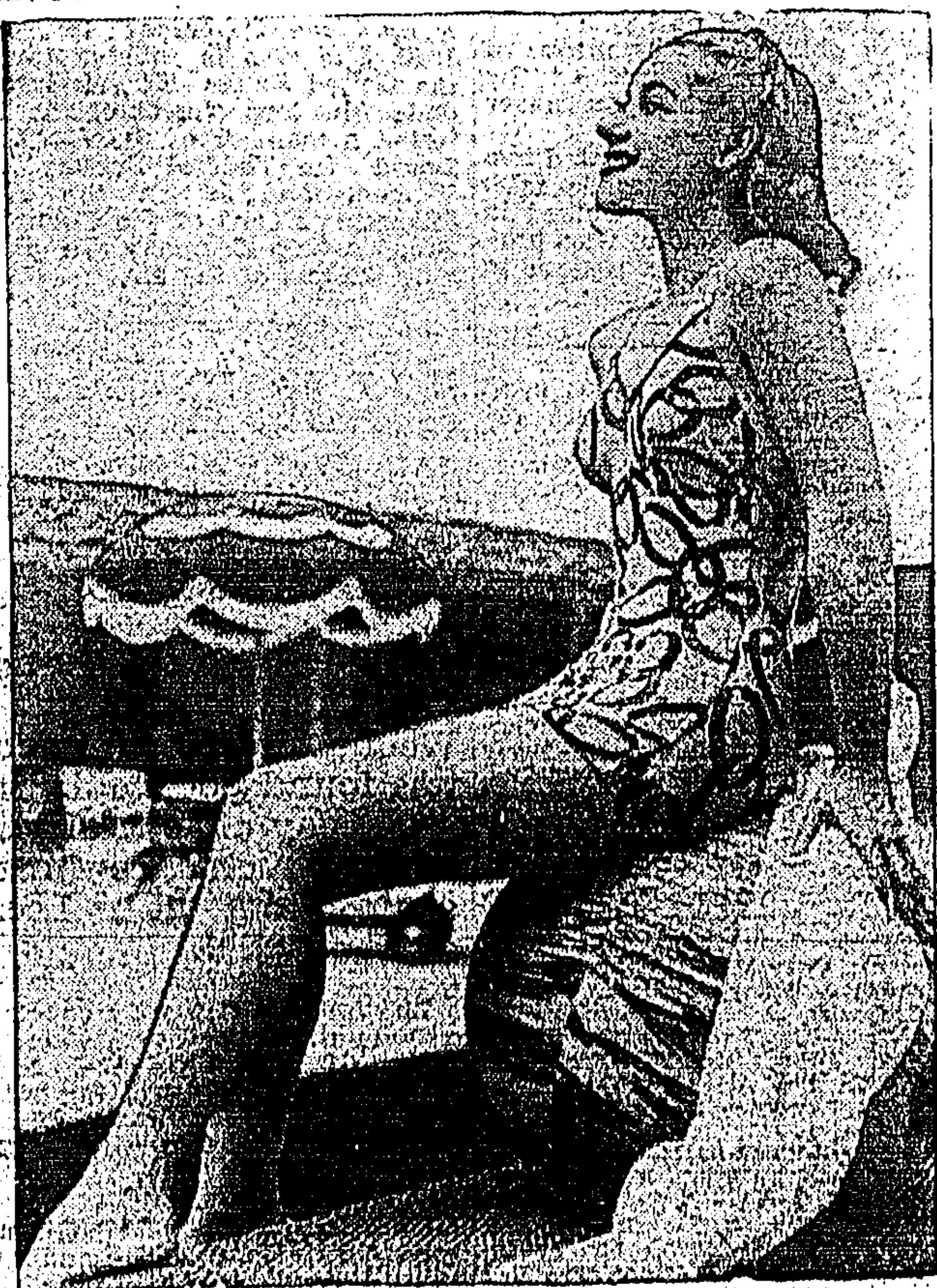
When your energy is lower than usual, the day hot and you need to pep up your appearance in a jiffy you might give yourself a three-in-one beauty treatment which will add to your beauty considerably.

Brush your hair well. Roll up the ends on curlers or pins after dampening them slightly with a quick-set lotion diluted in water.

If you must paste back your ears, do so as instructed above. Wrap your head in a fishnet cap and proceed to cleanse your face with cream. Then wash it well with warm water (not soap this time) and apply one of those film-like masques which take only fifteen or twenty minutes to whip up your skin circulation and bring freshness to your face.

Then wash your hands (literally) with a good lotion and slip them into a pair of gloves. When thus anointed lie down on your bed with your feet higher than your head—you know the beauty angle posture. Your head lower than your waistline, and your waistline lower than your feet. Forget about the world for fifteen minutes and you will be surprised with the beauty who steps out from under the tepid shower which should follow the little doze!

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with Orchestra.

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1.02 p.m.—Maurice Winnick and His

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Fox-Trots—Moonburn (from 'Anything

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Maurice Winnick & his Orchestra.

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Fox-Trots—Across the Great Divide.

My heart's in old Killarney...

Maurice Winnick & his Orchestra.

Ha! Ha! (Morgan); Fred Morgan's

Banjo Rhythms.

Waltz—Who's Taking You Home To-

night? Fox-Trot—My Capri Seren-

ade... Maurice Winnick & his Orch.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and

Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Norman Allin (Bass) and

Debroy Somers Band.

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Ballroom Memories—Waltzes—Intro

The Skaters; The Choristers; The

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Widow; Three O'Clock in the Morn-

ing... Debroy Somers Band.

Edward (Corder & Loewe)... Nor-

man Allin (Bass) with Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quota-

tions.

6.47 p.m.—Brahms—Variations on a

Theme by Paganini, Op. 35.

Egon Petri (Piano).

7.06 p.m.—Elisabeth Schumann

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Das Mädchen spricht, Op. 107, No. 3;

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beth Schumann (Soprano) with

Orchestra.

Adagio in E (Tartini—arr. Ondricek)

... Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with

Piano.

Vogel Lied, Op. 41, No. 4 (Weingart-

ner)... Elisabeth Schumann (Sop.)

with Orchestra.

Rondo (from 'Sonata in D Major'—

Schubert)... Joseph Szigeti (Violin)

with Piano accomp.

7.30 p.m.—Orchestre Raymonde and

Georges Thill (Tenor).

Tritsch, Tratsch—Polka (J. Strauss);

The Grand Duchess—Galop (Offen-

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Ouvre Ton Coeur (Spanish Serenade

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Piano.

A Musical 'Snuff Box' (Lidow);

Parade of the City Guards (Jessel)

... Orchestre Raymonde.

Fortunio (Messenger)... Georges Thill

with Orchestra.

Poupee Valsante (Poldini); The

Dancing Clock (Ewing)... Orchestre

Raymonde.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Com-

mentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—'Listening

Post'. Examination of Points in

Daily German & Italian Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

9.32 p.m.—The Bohemians and Hilde-

garde (Vocal).

Summer Breezes (King); Daddy Long

Legs (Wright)... The Bohemians.

A Room With A View (from 'This

Year of Grace'); I'll See You Again

(from 'Bitter Sweet')... Hildgarde

(Vocal) with Orchestra.

My Dream—Waltz (Bosse)... The

Bohemians with Vocal Effects.

The Glory of Love (Billy Hill)...

Hildgarde (Vocal) with Carroll

Gibbons & his Boy Friends.

A Day In Tyrol (Homer & Faun);

Swing Me Up Higher (A. Fair-

Crown; Farlasy—Mackeben)... The

Bohemians.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and

Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Songs Without

Words.

Sadness of Soul (F. major, Op. 53,

No. 4); Lost Illusion (F. sharp

minor, Op. 57, No. 2); Venetian

Condole Song No. 2 (F. sharp minor,

Op. 30, No. 6); Lost Happiness (C

minor, Op. 35, No. 2)... Ignaz

Friedman (Piano).

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.

Danube Legends (Julius Fuchs, Op.

233); Court Ball Dances—Waltz

(Lanner, Op. 101)... Orchestra

Maucotte.

My Darling Waltz ('The Gipsy Baron')

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

300 CLAIM "BOMB DAMAGE" FOR ONE HOUSE

HUNDREDS OF BOGUS claims for immediate assistance by men and women who declare they have lost all their possessions through enemy raids have been made to the Public Assistance Boards in London and the provinces.

Although in most cases the sum claimed varies from £5 to £10, some claims have amounted to as much as £100.

Following a recent bombing in South-East London, a man filed a claim of £63 for loss of personal effects, asking if he might have an immediate advance of a few pounds to buy new clothing.

He gave his address as a house in a poor street which had been destroyed by bombing and fire. All the people who had lived there had been evacuated.

Similar Claims

Asked for his identity card, he said it had been destroyed in the fire.

The man was given a small sum of money pending investigation. It was afterwards found that the same man had filed exactly similar claims at four other assistance board offices in different parts of London, each time using a different address.

In another case a husband and wife made claims; the husband filed his in London and the wife her's in a provincial town to which she had been evacuated. Inquiries showed that the man and woman had never lived at the address which had been bombed.

One of the most barefaced claims was made in a severely bombed Midland town. No fewer than 300 claims for assistance were filed by different people who said they had lost all their possessions in a boarding house.

It was a large establishment, but at the time of the bombing there were only twenty-two residents.

Forged identity cards are being used to substantiate bogus claims.

Forged Card

Scotland Yard detectives who raided a house in South-East London found a large number of blank identity cards and a stamp printing outfit.

Using a forged identity card, a man was given £50 when he claimed to have lost his possessions through enemy action. He was arrested before the cheque could be cashed, and it was proved that he never lived at the address which had been bombed.

An unemployed pastrycook who tried to obtain £90 by means of a false claim was arrested by detectives at a Public Assistance Board office.

The detectives had arrested two other men who had made false claims when the cook walked in to ask how his claim was progressing. He was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment.

—J. Strauss)... State Opera, Orléans.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Louis Levy & His Orchestra.

"Sweethearts"—Selection (Wright, Herbert & Others).

"Everybody Sing"—Film Selection (Kaplan & Junemann).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Some Day My Prince Will Come; Whistle While You Work (Both from 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs') (Morey & Churchill)... The Orchestra of Merry Men.

Quickstep—Fall in and Fly (Noel Gay); Waltz—Easy Street (Gay & Butler)... Billy Cotton & his Band.

Fox-Trots—Playmates (Dowell); It's Funny to Everyone but Me (Lawrence)... Harry Roy & his Orch.

Fox-Trots—Can't You Tell? (Goodman); Once More (Johnson—Bradshaw)... Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—The Lady on the Second Floor (Woods-Dixon); Quickstep—It's In the Air (Parr-Davies)...

Brian Lawrence & his Lansdowne Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Kondyke Kate (Conner & Linbana); The King's Navee (Dunn)...

Jack Jackson & his Orchestra.

Tango Medley—Intro; Rosita; Jealousy; Julian; Waltz Medley—Intro; Always; All Alone; What'll I do (Irving Berlin)... Joe Loss & his Band.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Sir Denzil Bray on "Hilda".

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

PEACE NEEDS POLICE

Returning to Miami, her former home, after an absence of three years, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde, former United States Minister to Denmark and two-term Congresswoman from this district, declared in an interview that wars between nations will continue until world opinion forces the organisation of an international court with a sufficiently strong armed force to compel obedience to its rulings.

"We have done a lot of wishful thinking in regard to international strife, but that is not enough," Mrs. Rohde asserted. "All society stands back of a local court to make its rulings valid. So must we have the machinery to enforce international law."

To Achieve Peace

"Disarmament conferences disarmed nations, but did not arm the World Court as they should have done," she continued. "We have talked peace, but we haven't taught the people to know peace. We must teach them to achieve peace. It will not come of itself."

Among Mrs. Rohde's present activities is the Greenland Commission to which she was appointed by the Danish Minister, Henrik de Kaufmann, after Germany invaded Denmark in April, 1940. She also is collaborator of the United States Travel Bureau under the Department of the Interior, a member of the Advisory Board for Federal Prisons for Women, and is on the Audit Education Board of the Columbia Broadcasting Company in planning schools of the air.

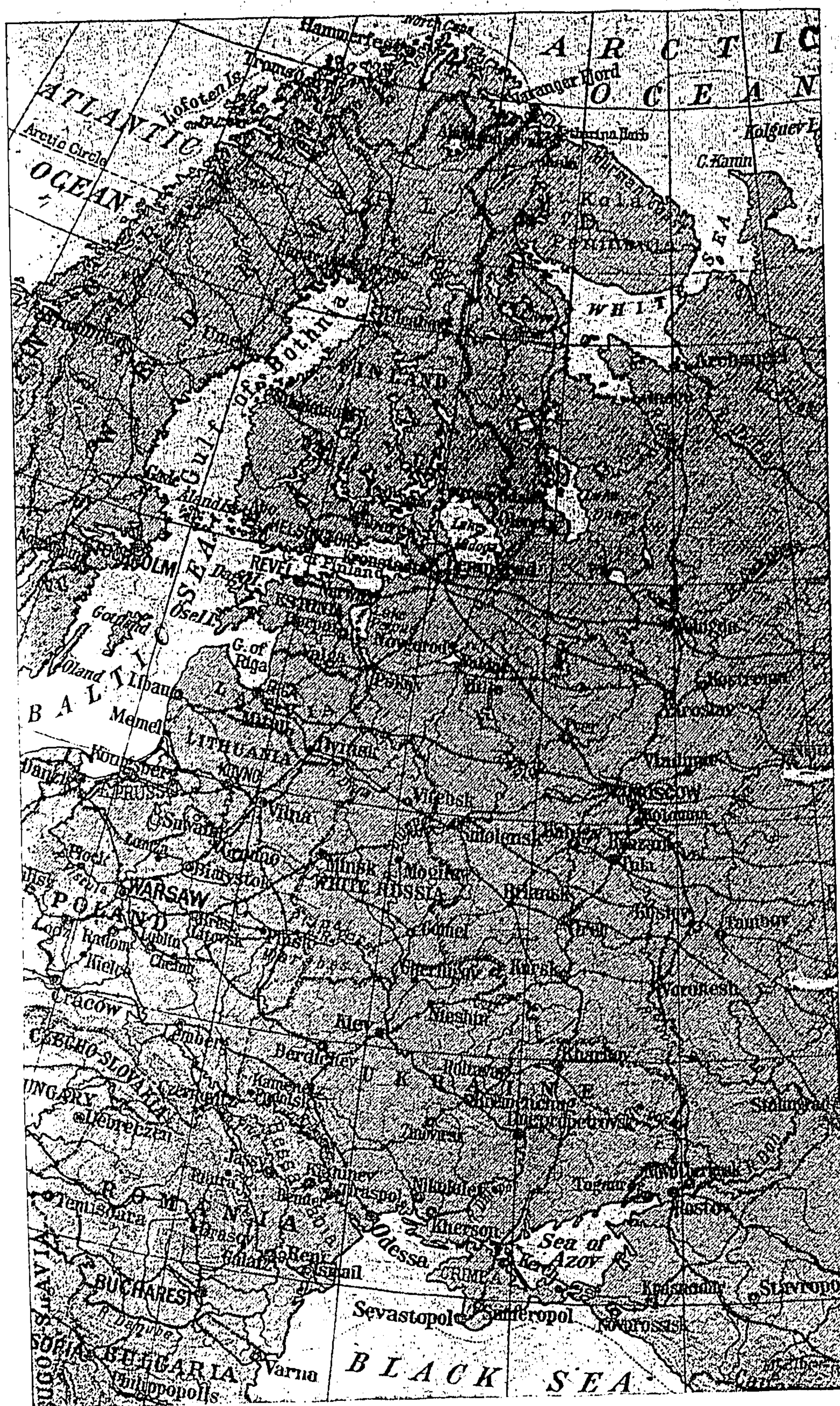
MAJOR CLEARED ON CHARGES

Major John Vernon Gibson, 47, of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was found not guilty the other day of four of the forty-six charges made against him at a Leeds court-martial.

The four charges were concerned with the alleged conversion by Major Gibson to his own use of £20 belonging to a training group and alleged fraudulently misapplying £10 and two sums of 13s. 4d. each.

Defence counsel said Gibson's good character should stand him in good stead when the Court considered the sentence.

The major had been in custody for five and a half months.



SIX DAYS ORDEAL IN OPEN BOAT

GREATEST REGRET of Miss Doreen Barr, of South Africa, who was among a party landed at a Scottish port, was that her wedding presents and trousseau were lost when the ship was torpedoed.

"It was terrible having to leave them," she told the "Daily Mirror," "but all I had time to grab were a few clothes. I was in bed when the ship was hit."

She was the only woman on board. For six days she was at sea in an open boat.

"The men did everything possible to make me comfortable," Miss Barr said. "There was food and water in the life-boat, but we did not realise at first that our meagre supplies would have to last six days."

"Water was strictly rationed. It did not quench our thirst and only moistened our mouths and throats."

"During the day we lived in the lifeboat under a scorching sun, and the cold nights were a terrible contrast."

Stroke Of Luck

"On a number of occasions we sighted land, but on approaching it, found that we were heading

for uninhabited islands.

"We had one stroke of luck when we sighted a native boat which came alongside us and gave us a supply of water."

"A pilot was also put on board our boat to guide us to land."

"Coming near the coast we were often in peril from the reef barriers which seemed to rise out of the water. But the boat was magnificently handled, and we managed to avoid them all."

"Finally we did touch land." Miss Barr is now anxious to find her fiancé, with whom she has been out of touch for two months.

"My fiancé," she said, "does not know whether I am dead or alive, but I hope it will not be long until we are united and can go ahead with our wedding arrangements."

CAN'T GET IN OWN HOUSES

By a decision given by Judge Bensley Wells, K.C., at Southwark (London) County Court, landlords will be unable to get possession of their unoccupied houses unless the law is altered.

In order to enter houses left furnished since the blitz landlords have to serve notice to quit. As they do not know where the tenants are, they have pinned notices on the doors.

When summonses were heard for possession of houses the Judge said he considered it was the landlord's duty to produce evidence that notice had been brought to the knowledge of the tenant.

Judgment was given for the rent due, but the claims for possession were adjourned for proof of service of notice to quit.

A legal authority told the "Daily Mirror":

"It may be that the Courts will agree to accept some other form of serving notice to quit on evictee tenants, such as advertising the notice."

SAME RISK, BUT GOT LESS FOR IT

Working side by side through fire blitzes with regular firemen, doing the same jobs, running the same risks, A.F.S. men feel they deserve equal compensation. But they do not get it.

Auxiliary fireman Bush, of Charteris Road, Kilburn, worked with regular firemen in a London fire blitz. He and a regular fireman ran through a wall of flame. Wood blocks in the street were blazing. Their hands and faces were badly burned.

Together the men went to hospital. A.F.S. man Bush was given £3 10s. a week—his full pay—for three months and then discharged, although he was still in hospital. The regular fireman was given six months' full pay.

Protest By Union

Bush is now keeping his wife and child on 39s. a week public assistance, while his comrade is getting full pay.

"The Fire Brigades' Union has protested against this differential treatment," an official said. "All firemen should be given the same injury pay."

"There were five of us trapped by a falling wall," Bush told the "Daily Mirror." "We all got badly burned. I was in bed for nine weeks, and nearly lost the sight of one eye."

"The A.F.S. Benevolent Fund gave my wife £3 9s a week after my wages stopped."

J.P.S GOT TOO MUCH

Magistrates, doctors and "other people of considerable means," have been supplied with meat in excess of the ration, it was alleged in a case at Totnes, Devon.

"There were various explanations," said counsel, "such as 'I left it to my wife,' 'My wife left it to the housekeeper,' 'The ticket had blood on it, and I did not notice the amount.'"

"It was decided, with some hesitation, that these people who received the meat should not be prosecuted."

Clarence G. Foale, of High Street, Totnes, pleaded guilty to eleven charges of selling the meat in excess of the coupon allowance. He was fined £45 2s., including costs.

Mr. M. J. McGahey, for the Ministry of Food, said the people who received the meat included three magistrates.

CHINA FIRE DIVIDEND

The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. announces that, subject to audit, the Directors will recommend the payment of a Dividend of 12% per share, and a Bonus Dividend of 8% per share for the year ended December 31 1940. The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at noon on July 25, 1941.

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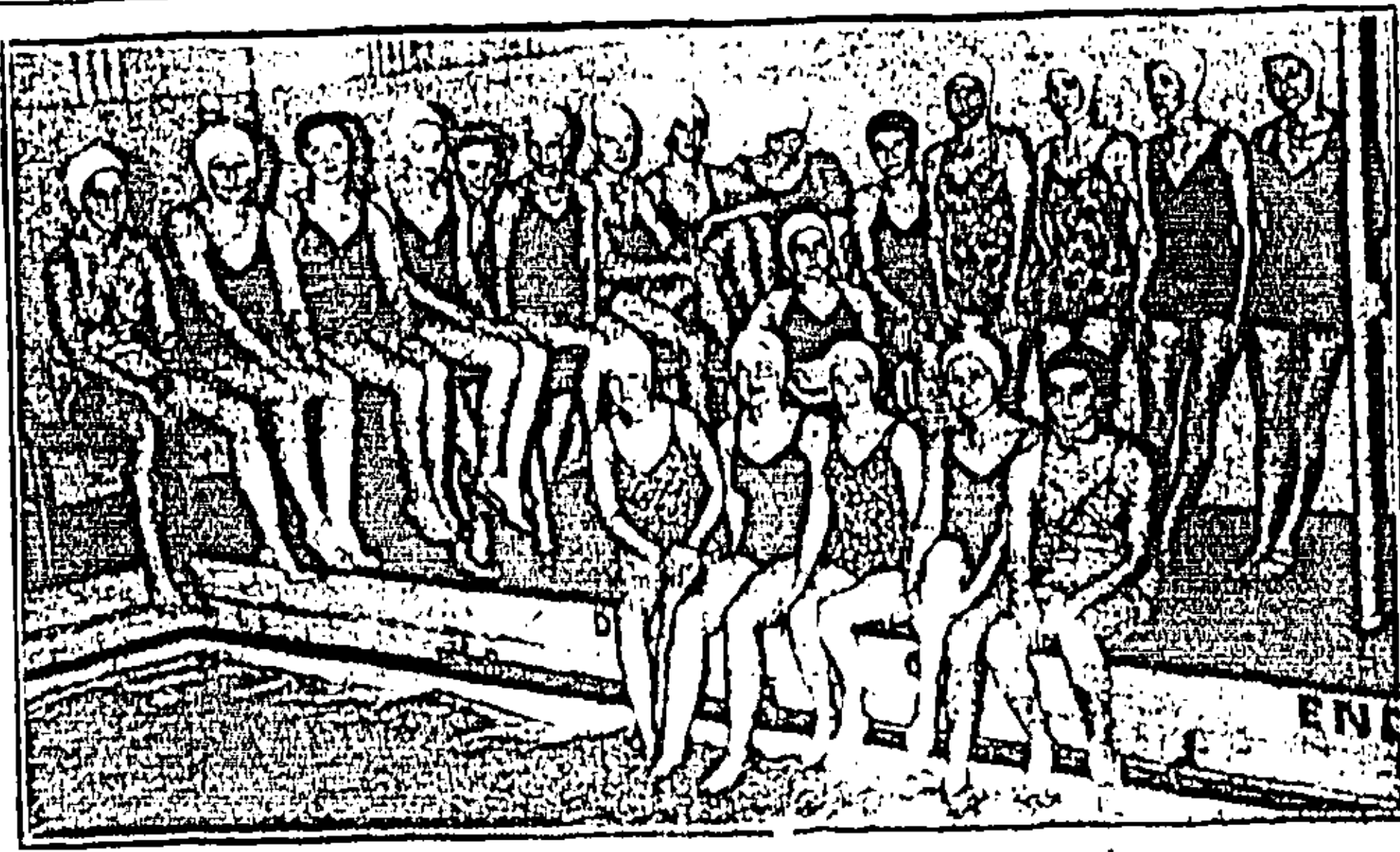
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TOURING FOOTBALL TEAMS TO REPORT FINANCES IN 28 DAYS

Warning To Clubs To Field Best Teams Always Maximum Entrance Fee \$2 To League And Shield Matches



Some of the A.N.S. and Nursing Section of H.K.V.D.C. swimmers who will be in opposition to one another at next Saturday's gala in the Army pool in aid of the Bomber Fund.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES APPROVED BY F.A.

Following were the additions or alterations to the Rules of Hong Kong Football Association passed at the Annual General Meeting yesterday.

"A Club having no playing grounds of its own and having made arrangements with another Club for the use of its ground shall notify the Association of such arrangement. Such ground shall be deemed the 'Home' ground of such Club for all League and Shield matches. The Council may reject the use of any ground for competitive matches if in its opinion the ground is not fit for use or does not comply with the requirements of the Laws of the Game."

Playing Season

"A playing season commences on the first Sunday in September in one year and ends on the first Sunday in May of the following year. The remainder of the year shall be known as the close season. The Council shall, however, have power to extend the periods of playing, as from time to time, in its discretion, shall be deemed necessary."

Tours

"Any Club proposing to make a tour or tours, out of the Colony shall obtain the sanction of the Association. All Clubs must submit a financial statement of such tour within 28 days of return, subject to any extension by the Council."

"No Club shall invite the players of other Clubs to take part in any tour without the permission of clubs concerned, and clubs concerned shall notify the Association. Such permission shall not be necessary during the close season."

"Each Club shall play its full strength in all matches under the jurisdiction of this Association unless some satisfactory reason is given. In the event of the explanation not being satisfactory, the offending club will be dealt with under Rule 53. Any Club proved to have been responsible for a late start in a match or field an incomplete team without sufficient reason shall be liable to be dealt with under Rule 53."

"Each member of the Council shall be furnished with an admission card (which shall not be transferable) and, except in the case of charity matches, all clubs affiliated to this Association shall admit the holder and two companions to these grounds and stands upon production of such admission card."

"Each referee or linesman affiliated to this Association whose name is duly entered in the official list of active referees or linesmen of the Association shall be furnished with a referee or linesman's card (which shall not be transferable) and, except in the case of charity matches, all clubs affiliated to this Association shall admit the holder thereof to their grounds and stands upon production of such card."

Royal Scots are holding a swimming meet to-day at 7.30 p.m. in the Army pool. During the evening there will be a swimming exhibition by the men and ladies of Victoria Recreation Club.

A meeting of school representatives will be held at Victoria Recreation Club to-day at 8 p.m. to discuss preliminary arrangements for the inter-school swimming contest to be held shortly under the auspices of V.R.C.

Ciro's Skating Rink will entertain a team from Empress Skating Rink to a hockey game on skates on Saturday evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Following will represent the visitors:—H. E. Ecada Silva, Francisco Soares and Alex. Olsson; C. Rozario, Eric Olsson and J. Gomes; Reserves:—R. E. Russell and Peter Rozario.

Following will represent Trojans Basketball team against Hong Kong Police at Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, at 4 p.m.:—Bill Silva, Henry Silva, Tony Silva, H. Osmund, Charlie Figueroa, B. Neves, D. Aquino, Poon Kwong-yim, Tack Put-young and N. Beltrao.

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Rules Of The League

"Each team in each division or section of a division shall play Home and Away matches with each other team in the same division or section of a division, and fixtures for each division or section of a division will be arranged by the Committee at a special meeting convened for that purpose. Notice of the meeting will be sent to the honorary secretaries of the clubs, who may attend if they desire. In a case where clubs have no grounds of their own and have made no arrangements with another club for the use of its ground, the matches shall be played on such grounds as may be determined by the Committee."

"Except with the consent of the Management Committee previously obtained, the maximum charge for admission to any match shall be \$2.00 excluding Entertainment Tax."

"This rule also applies to Challenge Shield games."

Rules Of The Challenge Shield

"Except with the consent of the Council previously obtained, the maximum charge for admission to any match shall be \$2.00 excluding Entertainment Tax. All members and ticket holders must be charged for admission to the ground, enclosures and stands in all matches where gate receipt is charged. The 'home' club may, however, with the consent and concurrence of the visiting club issue complimentary tickets to its members provided that the equivalent admission fee is credited to the gross gate receipt."

"Scale of fees to be paid to referees shall be as follows:—In matches in the Senior Division, other than the semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$5.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$10.00 per match. In matches in the Junior Division, other than the semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$3.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$5.00 per match."

"Scale of fees to be paid to Linesmen appointed by the Association shall be as follows:—In matches in the Senior Division, other than the semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$2.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$5.00 per match. In the Junior Division the sum of \$3.00 per match."

Rules Of The "Sunday Herald" Cup Competition

Referees and linesmen fees are increased in the Lai Wah and Governor's Cup competitions while in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition referees and linesmen, who have not been paid in past years, will be paid as provided by the following rule:—"Referees and linesmen will be appointed by the Referees' Subcommittee from the official list of Referees and they shall be paid as follows:—Referee \$10.00 and Linesmen \$5.00 each per match. Referees and Linesmen may however be presented with souvenirs in lieu of their fee provided that the value of such souvenirs shall not exceed the sum they are entitled hereunder."

IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE RULES OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WERE ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY AND PRESIDED OVER BY THE HON. MR. N. L. SMITH, PRESIDENT, WHO IN PROPOSING THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS SAID THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD PASSED THROUGH A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Supporting the chairman were the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Commander H. C. Millett and Mr. W. Fryde (vice-presidents), Mr. Wong Ka-tsun (chairman) and C. A. Goldenberg (Hon. Secretary).

Other representatives present were W. E. Hollands (Eastern), J. C. Guingam (St. Joseph's), W. M. Glover (Royal Navy), Sze Po-wai (Eastern), Sgt. Whelan (Royal Engineers), H. K. Lee (Sing Tao), T. G. Stokes (Police), E. L. Strange (Club), D. M. Mitchell (Royal Navy), Capt. Paterson (Royal Corps of Signals), Charles Yung (South China), R. Overy (Middlesex), Sgt. Matthews (Middlesex), Lieut. T. A. Pearce (5th R.A.), Sgt. Fergus (Royal Scots), L. A. Rocha (Kwong Wah), W. J. Brown (Kwong Wah), D. E. Santos (Shell Sports Club), Chang Iu-chung (Shell Sports Club), L. J. Souza (St. Joseph's), J. Skinner (Club), J. McKelvie (Kowloon), Lee Wai-tong (South China) and Mok Hing (C.A.A.F.).

The report, which was comprehensive, stated that a profit of \$4,431.59 was made on the year's working and that Hong Kong lost the only Interport played last year, at Macao by one goal to nil.

Gates showed a falling-off in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity cup competition this year due to the fact China lost in the semi-final round—but the other charities benefitted considerably.

Four games were necessary to decide the Governor's Cup competition.

Chairman's Speech

The chairman said:—"You will, I am sure, agree that the Annual Report which your Council has presented to you, showing a net profit of \$4,431.59 on last year's working, is highly satisfactory. The report is so comprehensive that I feel I need only say a few words."

"First of all, I wish to take the opportunity of congratulating all the successful Clubs."

"It is a matter of regret that, owing to the political situation, Shanghai Football Association was unable to accept our invitation to come to the Colony to participate in the annual Interport matches, but we all hope that it may be possible for them to visit us next year."

"The financial results of the charity matches have been fully set out in the report and I feel that the Association has every reason to be very proud of the fact that through the instrumentality of such matches the magnificent sum of \$20,274.34 was donated to charities."

"I would like to pay a sincere tribute to the work of the Officers of the Association and to the Council, and in particular to the members of the various committees. The report discloses the number of occasions on which the Council and the various committees met during the year. But, of course, we all know that these meetings represent but a fraction of the arduous work put in by them. They deserve our warm thanks for their unremitting labour and wholehearted devotion to the interests of the Association."

"I am also sure that you will join me in expressing our appreciation to our Hon. Secretary and Assist. Hon. Secretary for their services to the Association."

"Gentlemen, I have now much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts."

1941-42 Officials

Following officials were elected for the coming season:—President:—Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith. Vice Presidents:—Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Col. L. A. Nowham and Mr. W. Fryde. Chairman:—Mr. Wong Ka-tsun. Representative of Junior Clubs:—Mr. J. C. Guingam.

Regarding the proposed rule requiring clubs to submit a financial statement of tours within 14 days of their return, Mr. Hollands, of Eastern A.A., said that the time was too short, and he felt it was not possible for Clubs to make the required returns in that time. He proposed that it be amended to two months. Mr. Mok Hing, of Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, supported this and added that, from his experience with touring teams, many games were played on the eve of the departure of the team and the accounts could not be made up in that time.

Mr. Brown, of Kwong Wah, said that he was willing to allow longer time, but felt that two months was too long and that the matter might be overlooked by the Council if the returns were not sent in sooner.

It was finally agreed that 28 days was the time limit to be given and the matter was referred to the Council decided upon.

Full Strength

The question of a club having to play its full strength occupied some time. Lieut. Commander G. S. Hugh-Jones, representing Royal Navy, said that the rule would make the Council the judge of what was the full strength of a club.

Mr. Mok Hing maintained that all the players were amateurs and could play when they liked.

Mr. J. McKelvie, of Kowloon Football Club, said that a Club might not like its internal affairs made public.

It was pointed out that any Club so concerned would have to give an explanation if called upon, and on this understanding the rule was adopted.

Clubs fielding incomplete teams or arriving late without sufficient reason are also to be dealt with.

Maximum Charge

Regarding the maximum amount of \$1.00 to be charged at League and Shield games as suggested, Mr. J. Skinner, of Hong Kong Club, said that the price of erection of the stands has increased considerably and proposed that the maximum be \$2.00.

Capt. Paterson, of Royal Signals, pointed out that this would be a burden on those Service men who follow soccer regularly and who would then have to pay \$2.00 to see a game only slightly better than the usual match.

After some discussion it was decided that \$2.00 would be the maximum amount to be charged at these games, but that Clubs would be requested to grant a concession in prices to Servicemen.

All the other proposed rules were adopted after very minor amendments.

Linesmen

Sgt. Whelan, Royal Engineers, agreed that the Income Council consider the advisability of appointing linesmen for important Junior games.

The president, in reply, said that the Council would do so if the clubs made the application within reasonable time.

Mr. McKelvie spoke on the matter of clubs which had no grounds of their own, approaching other clubs and bargaining for terms.

He said that there was one occasion when four senior teams were playing on the same ground and it was very hard for the committee to fix a home ground. He suggested that a meeting of the clubs concerned be called to discuss the matter and the basis on which they could acquire a ground.

Mr. Smith said that it was a good proposal and asked Mr. McKelvie to put it in writing to the League Management Committee.

At the end of the meeting, a hearty vote of thanks was given to the Chairman, who said that he would be half of the other clubs to convene to Mr. Lo their congratulations on the award of the C.B.E. by His Majesty the King.

SANDBERG, FIRST HOME, WINS TIME TRIAL RACE

Official result of the 25-mile bicycle race, held at Tsun Wan yesterday, under the auspices of Chinese Y.M.C.A., were announced last evening, after a final check on the times had been made by the Committee, as follows:—

1. A. J. Sandberg (La Salle) 1 hr. 39 mins. 21 secs.
2. Kwong Man-sui (St. Joseph's) 1 hr. 44 mins. 24 secs.
3. Ip Wing Koon (St. Joseph's) 1 hr. 46 mins. 17 secs.

It must have been gratifying to the organisers that every one of the 39 competitors completed the race, which was also not marred by any mishaps.

Following are the "also rans", though the order in which their names are given does not signify the positions in which they finished.

Misses Hung Siu-chiu and Cheung Chung-man, and Lai Chi-sang, Ip Chung-pul, Chan Ming-fai, Pun Sui-hung, Sum Wing-fai, Kwong Chak-chuen, Leung Kai-lu, Yam Kwan-san, Yeung Chung-lam, Lee Kee-chuen, Lee Hing-lau, Chan Sin-yan, Chan Wah-cheuk, Chan Kam-chung, Kwan Fook-choon, Fung Ka-cheung, Chan Fook-seng, Lee Kan-sum, Lau Kam-pak, Leung Yuk-tong, Liu Fu-hung, Woo Kan-fu, Lee Chun-man, Lal Kwok-choon, Suen Sun-cheong, Kwok Ching-chuen, Chul Shin-cheong, Woo Ping-see, Lee Kwok-hing, Lee Kit-ling, Kwong Wing-sing, Tsang Man-choi, Wong Kuen-yue and Poon San-kee.

MASCAVAGE TAKES BATTING HONOURS

By "Grandstand"

FEATURING MINDANAO MACE-MAULING HIND-SNATCHER TONY MASCAVAGE'S TWO CLOTHES-LINE BLOWS TO CENTRE-FIELD, WHICH WENT FOR FOUR BASES EACH. MINDANAOANS TRAMPLED OVER HONG KONG BASEBALLERS 14 TO 5 IN YESTERDAY'S TWILIGHT BASEBALL TILT.

Minnie drew first blood in the initial frame when Earl Wilson dented the counting station, and added a cluster of six markers in the second frame. Mohawks broke the ice in the third semester when Waggoner, Schaberg and Johnson, romped home on five safeties in one frame. "Doc" Mothens' double with ducks in the pond in the fourth canto added two more to the Mohawks' score of umm, but it was to no avail as Minnie chalked up splurges of three, one and three in the third, fourth and sixth innings to clinch the game.

3-In-3 Performance

Tony Mascavage garnered batting honours with a three-in-three performance at the platter, with two four-masters and a two-bagger, whilst both Lou Powlawski and "Doc" Mothens slouted two in four, the latter chasing in four of his mates with a pair of singles. Mindanao's slabster, Henry Ruel, fanned five in three frames, whilst Powlawski, relieving Ruel for the rest of the tussle, whiffed four. Johnnie Schaberg, who went the route for Mohawks, accounted for four via the strike-out route, but issued three free tickets to first.

THIRD DIVISION TENNIS RESULTS

At King's Park South China Athletic Association beat the hitherto unbeaten Army Tennis Club by 5½ sets to 3½.

K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong (S.C.A.A.)	beat Emberson and Duffield	6-1
beat Webb and Denyer	6-0	
beat Megson and Murray	7-5	
J. Hsu and K. C. Wan (S.C.A.A.)	lost to Emberson and Duffield	4-6
drew with Webb and Denyer	6-6	
beat Megson and Murray	6-3	
H. C. Kwok and K. Sung (S.C.A.A.)	lost to Emberson and Duffield	4-6
beat Webb and Denyer	7-5	
lost to Megson and Murray	3-6	

Indians Beaten

At Sookunpoo, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Indian Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3.

A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.)	lost to D. Chen and A. H. Basto	2-6
lost to L. Chen and E. Penn	4-6	
beat D. Kwok and H. L. Huang	6-2	
M. P. Madar and A. J. Sufiad (I.R.C.)	lost to Chen and Basto	1-6
beat Chert and Penn	7-5	
lost to Kwok and Huang	3-6	
M. Hassah and A. R. H. Esmail (I.R.C.)	lost to Chen and Basto	2-6
beat Chen and Penn	6-1	
lost to Kwok and Huang	5-7	

A Close Game

At Pokfulam, Hong Kong University Tennis Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club (1) by 5 sets to 4.

P. K. Mui and K. Y. Tam (H.K.U.T.C.)	lost to H. N. Chau and T. F. Lo	2-6
lost to C. Wei and S. Y. Tong	5-7	
beat M. C. Tong and C. K. Lee	6-3	
T. C. Lo and F. Liu (H.K.U.T.C.)	beat Chau and Lo	6-2
beat Wei and Tong	6-4	
drew with Tong and Lee	6-6	
S. L. Yong and C. M. Low (H.K.U.T.C.)	lost to Chau and Lo	2-6
lost to Wei and Tong	3-6	
drew with Tong and Lee	6-6	

Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	3	3	0	0	21½	5½	6
C.R.C. (2)	2	2	0	0	13	5	4
A.T.C.	3	2	1	0	20	7	4
Recrelo	3	2	1	0	17½	9½	4
C.R.C. (1)	3	2	1	0	13½	13½	4
C.C.C.	4	2	2	0	18½	17½	4
H.K.U.T.C.	3	1	2	0	14	13	2
K.C.C.	3	1	2	0	6½	20½	2
K.I.T.C.	3	1	2	0	12½	14½	2
K.T.G.C.A.	3	1	2	0	9½	17½	2
I.R.C.	4	0	4	0	6½	29½	0

GUNNERS BEAT ENGINEERS

In "B" Division of the Army Tennis League, 24th Battery, Royal Artillery, beat Royal Engineers by 2 sets to 1 at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Sgt. Kehoe and Cpl. Hawkins (R.E.) lost to L/Sgt. Warder and Sgt. Elliott, 2-6, 0-6, 2-6.

Sgt. Spencer and Cpl. Birrell (R.E.) beat B.Q.M.S. Alexander and I/Bdr Denton, 4-6, 6-1, 10-8.

L/Cpl. Smith and L/Cpl. Matthews (R.E.) lost to Capt. Simmon and Lieut Wardle, 2-6, 3-6, 0-6.

"B" DIVISION

	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1	17
24th, Battery	18	11	7	11
36th, Battery	15	10	5	10
R.A.O.C.	12	9	3	9
Royal Signals	18	8	10	8
12th Battery	6	6	0	6
Middlesex	15	5	10	5
5th, A.A.	12	5	7	5
Royal Engineers	9	4	5	4
965th, Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.M.C. "A"	6	3	3	3
R.A.M.C. "B"	3	2	1	2
R.A.S.C. "A"	6	2	4	2
R.A.S.C. "B"	3	2	1	2

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:

K.I.T.C.	v.	A.T.C.
C.R.C.	v.	P.O.R.C. (1)
P.O.R.C. (2)	v.	J.R.C.
C.C.C.	v.	F.C.
I.R.C.	v.	C.B.A.
C.R.C.—W. C. Yue and K. C. Yue;		
C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy; Yin Chan and C. Y. Tso.		
J.R.C.—A. R. Pollak and B. Goddin;		
S. R. Ramler and M. Tatan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell.		
K.I.T.C.—K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan;		
U. H. Esmail and A. H. Mehal;		
K. Singh and N. S. Singh.		
C.B.A.—B. I. Bickford and D. Smith;		
D. Tomashevsky and G. Gurevitch; M. Bull and D. Parsons.		
C.C.C.—K. M. Au and C. M. Lee;		
Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung; P. C. Chan and P. C. Yu.		
Elitino Clubs—B. Poon and P. Poon;		
F. Gonzales and W. Lee; T. S. Hsu and L. T. Spwza.		

LEAGUE BOWLS CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Kowloon Cricket Club are not making any changes from the team that beat Civil Service Cricket Club in First Division of the Lawn Bowls League for their game against Recrelo "A" this Saturday.

In Second Division, for their game with P.O.C. at Stanley, two of the rinks that played against Kowloon Tong last week remain intact, but there is one change in A. Steven's four, R. Leigh coming in as No. 3 in place of J. M. Jack, who is not playing this week.

Several changes have been made by Hong Kong Cricket Club for their weekend bowls matches.

In Second Division, in a friendly against K.B.G.C., Beddow and Mackenzie, who played Nos. 2 and 3 respectively for Brown last week, are not playing this Saturday. Beddow will be lead to Abraham in Third Division, while Mackenzie will not be seen in action this week. Their places will be taken by Morrison, lend to Hamilton in Third Division last week, and Edwards.

Goodwin retains the same rink with one exception, Duncan will be replaced by Shields, while Shrigley, No. 2 to Abraham in Third Division last week, will play in that position to Costello to replace Hospes, an absentee this week.

Abraham's Third Division rink will be strengthened by Beddow, who played

in Second Division last week. The promoted Shrigley's place, at No. 2 will be taken by Ryan.

McKellar, who led Valentine, Lambert and Mitchell last week, will be No. 3 to Nissim this time, the other two front men being Valentine and Doughty. The last-named was No. 2 to

Hamilton last week, and is playing this time in place of Lambert.

Hamilton, who led Morrison, Doughty and Lacon last Saturday will have a new rink in Monaghan, Sewell and Mitchell for this match against Electric R.C.

Following are the selected teams:

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Following were the results of matches played in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament last evening:—

"Y" POOL	
Y.M.C.A. 9	Small Units 1
Wilson (3).	Macdonald.
May (2).	
C. Goldman (2).	
R. Goldman, Benn.	
ARMY POOL	
Navy "C" 5	Royal Scots "B" 0
Hulsh (4).	
Gardner	
5th A.A. Regt.	
R.A. 5	965th R.A. 1
Eiblin (2).	Whittle (scored into own goal).
Clarke.	
MacAlister.	
Yabsley.	
Royal Scots "A" 7	8th R.A. 1
Hunter (2).	Chiu Kwok-wing.
Millar (2).	

Byrne, Jordan, Bennett.

League Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	12	12	0	0	63	8	24
Middlesex "A"	10	9	1	0	50	10	18
Y.M.C.A.	11	9	2	0	63	12	18
Combined Small		Goals					
Units	14	8	5	1	40	39	17
R. Navy "A"	11	8	3	0	48	24	16
R. Scots "A"	13	7	6	0	39	32	14
8th. Regt. R.A.	10	5	3	2	27	30	12
R. Navy "C"	12	4	6	2	31	38	10
Middlesex "B"	8	3	5	0	18	25	6
5th. A.A. Regt.							
R.A.	11	2	7	2	24	33	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	43	5
965th. Bty. R.A.	11	0	9	2	16	51	2
Royal Scots "B"	8	0	7	1	5	32	1
36th. Bty. R.A.	8	0	7	1	9	39	1

KOWLOON C.C.

First Division (v. Recrelo "A", away):—A. E. Perry, L. Jack, A. W. Smith and E. C. Fincher (Skip); N. D. Lloyd, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and N. J. Bebbington (Skip); A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, W. Mulcahy and T. A. Madar (Skip).

Second Division (v. P.O.C., away):—R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabel and T. W. Carr (Skip); S. A. Gray, T. Hunter, E. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (Skip); A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip).

HONG KONG C.C.

Second Division (v. Kowloon B.G.C., Friendly):—S. L. Lloyd, R. J. Shrigley, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (Skip); G. G. Alkenhead, T. R. Rowell, H. F. Shields and F. Goodwin (Skip); R. R. Davies, P. Morrison, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Third Division (v. H.K. Electric C.C., home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, P. S. Cassidy and E. S. Abraham (Skip); T. C. Monaghan, G. W. Sewell, A. S. Mitchell and P. J. A. Hamilton (Skip); Dr. D. J. Valentine, Col. E. S. Doughty, A. McKellar and A. Nissim (Skip).

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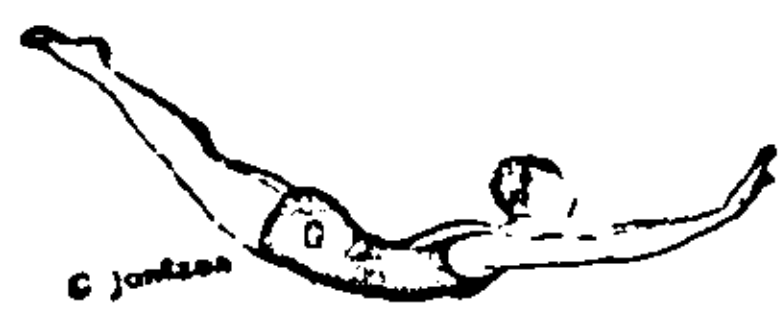
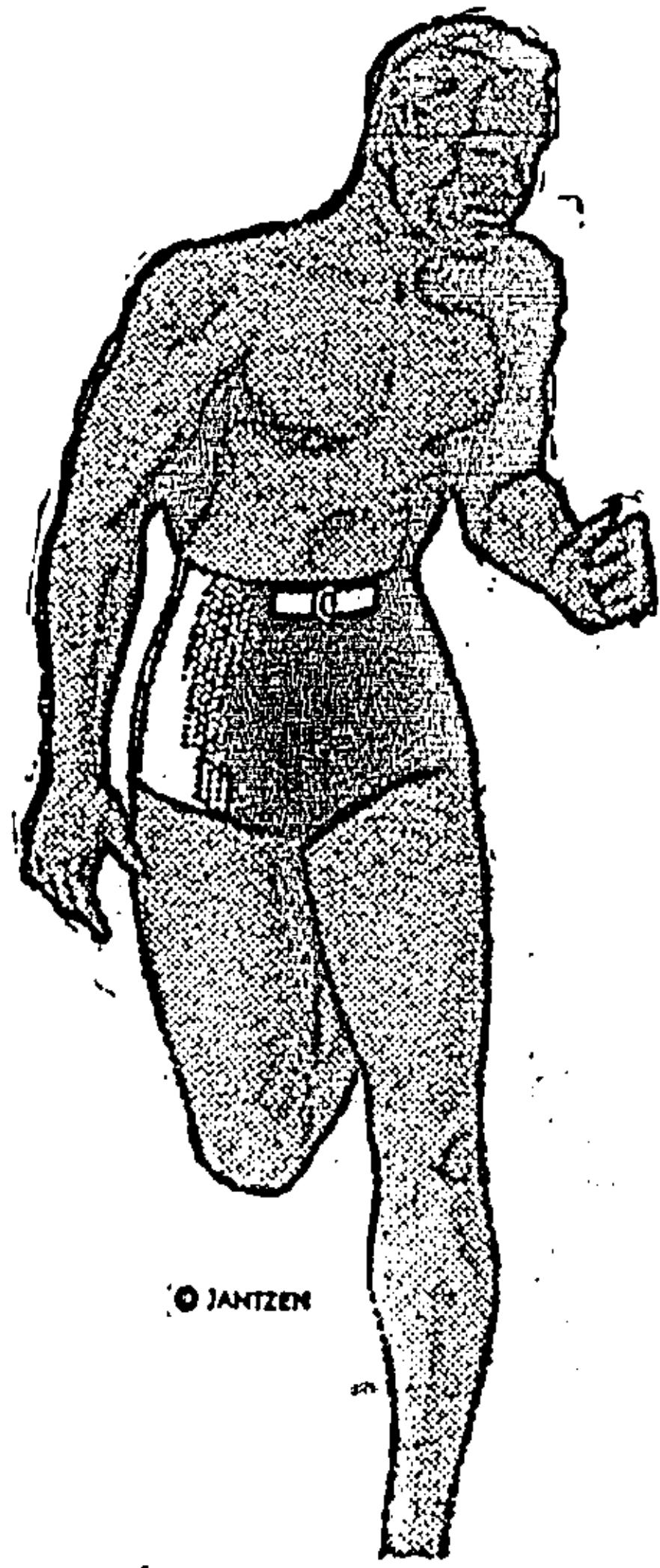
Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Minister for Information, speaking in London yesterday, said Britain had no feeling of hostility or enmity against the Frenchmen who obeyed the orders of the Vichy Government.

"We only hope that this unfortunate hostility will be forgotten as soon as possible," he said.—Reuter.

Speeding Up Shipping

Far-reaching proposals for transferring Table Bay harbour, Capetown, from a peacetime footing and routine to a wartime footing, and thereby speeding up British shipping, will shortly be put before the South African Minister of Railways by a strong deputation of Capetown shipping and commercial leaders.

It is proposed to institute a 24-hour a day and a seven-day a week service.—Reuter.



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No Surprise In Request For Armistice

THE IMPERIAL FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED DAMOUR, SOUTH OF BEIRUT AND VICHY'S MOST IMPORTANT PORT.

General Dentz's request for an armistice caused little surprise in London, in view of the imminent fall of this town, and it was pointed out that from a military viewpoint the Vichy troops are in a desperate position.

The capture of Damour is a crippling blow because elsewhere in Syria the position of the Vichy troops is equally serious.

The British and Imperial troops are also threatening the remaining city of Aleppo, advancing parallel to the Istanbul-Aleppo-Baghdad railway from the south-east and east.

At the same time Allied columns are steadily advancing at Nebec and Furqus and threaten the vital road and rail junction of Hama from south and east.

Furthermore the Vichy troops in Jezzine are now in imminent danger of being isolated as a result of the Allied push up the coast.

Armistice Talks

Authoritative quarters consider that recent rumours of strong Vichy reinforcements reaching Syria are largely only propaganda intended to bolster up the morale of the troops and impress the local population.

Pending an agreement on the armistice terms, it is emphasised in London that hostilities will

continue actively. Meanwhile, an admission that the French Government cannot continue the struggle in Syria is contained in a communique issued yesterday and reported in a Vichy despatch to the official German news agency.

Authorised By Vichy

The Vichy communique says that despite all efforts the French Government was not able to send its troops in Syria the reinforcements they required to continue the struggle.

With a desire to avoid "particularly painful bloodshed in a struggle that is growing more painful every day," the French Government, states the communique, "have authorised General Dentz to ask for the immediate laying down of arms."

A demarche to that effect was made at Beirut on Tuesday through the United States consul-general, concludes the communique.

That the American consul-general at Beirut had acted as

Bid For Peace In Peru

The United States, Argentina and Brazil have asked Peru and Ecuador to establish a No-Man's Land on both sides of the line known as the status quo line in the territory disputed by the two nations.

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, at his press conference in Washington yesterday, announced that after the envoys of the three nations had made the foregoing recommendation to Peru and Ecuador, the three Governments had also informed the Governments of all other American republics and asked them to give support towards ending the conflict.

Under the proposal the Governments of Peru and Ecuador would withdraw their military forces 15 kilometres from each side of the "line of status quo," establishing a neutral zone 30 kilometres in depth between now and the armistice.

Both were also requested to prevent their planes passing over the neutral zone.

Mr. Welles made it clear that this measure was purely temporary. — Reuter.

transmitting agency between the British and French in efforts to secure an armistice, was also announced in Washington by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State.

Mr. Welles emphasised that the U.S. had confined their activities to transmitting Notes and information.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

COL. FRANK KNOX, U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, SAID AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAD TOLD THE NAVY WHAT TO DO IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO SHOOT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ATLANTIC APPROACHES TO U.S. BASE AGAINST HOSTILE ACTIVITY.

Col. Knox declared the language of the Iceland message "would indicate" that the President intended the Atlantic patrol to go farther than its previous orders, which merely were to report any hostile craft sighted.—Reuter.

According to a Police report this morning, the junk disaster incident occurred at 2 p.m. on Monday and only three junks were involved.

It stated that three junks, alleged to be fully loaded with petrol, entered the minefield between Shek Ling and Tai Ku Chan, and were blown up.

The police rescued one of the crew who d'ed shortly afterwards. The rest, believed to be some 30 in number were killed or drowned.

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GERMANS RENEW OFFENSIVE

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Three Rivers

The Battle of the Eastern Front has developed into the battle of the three rivers—Dvina, Dniester and Dnieper.

THE GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SAYS GERMAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED OSTROV, ON THE MAIN ROAD TO LENINGRAD, WHICH IS 200 MILES TO THE NORTH-EAST.

The town was captured after "attempts by Soviet troops to take up new defence positions on the Latvian front," adds the agency.

In Estonia, says the agency, Nazi troops have captured the port of Pernau and the town of Fellin,

midway between Pernau and Dorpat.

Hungarian Claim

A communique issued yesterday by the Hungarian High Command, according to a Budapest despatch to the Vichy news agency, states: "Our fast troops near the River Debrucz were engaged in combats with the enemy for the crossing of the river.

"Our cyclist group by a forced march and our engineers by their unceasing work contributed in no small measure to the successes."

[The Debrucz is a tributary of the Dniester, which it joins just north of Chotih.]

Finnish Report

An advance on the eastern frontier to a depth of five to 10 kilometres is claimed by the Finns in a communique quoted by Budapest radio.

It adds "Our troops occupied a frontier and repulsed the enemy. "Our air force carried out reconnaissance activity and dropped bombs."—Reuter.

Counter-Attacks

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Swiss newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" corroborates Russian claims to have halted the German advance with terrific counter-attacks, saying the Russians are counter-attacking "with unprecedented force."

The paper said the "systematic devastation" of towns by the Red Army whenever they have to give ground "is having the desired effect," rendering so-called German victories barren. Meanwhile a Stockholm despatch to the London "Daily Express" says the Red Army killed thousands of air-borne German troops and hundreds of paratroops dropped in the Minsk zone.—International News Service.

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Violent Attacks At Three PointsNAZIS
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The fear that Britain may have some "unpleasant surprises" in store for the Nazis in the West, has led the High Command of the German forces to maintain considerable troops in the West, according to the German radio yesterday.

COMMENTING ON THE HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE THE ANNOUNCER DECLARED: "THE ENEMY IS NOT IDLE ON THIS SECTOR OF THE FRONT, AS IS PROVED BY HIS ALMOST DAILY ATTEMPTS TO RAID THE CHANNEL COAST."

"This is further proved by his nightly attacks on north-west Germany."

"THE CENTRAL TARGET IS THE UNHAPPY TOWN OF MUNSTER AND TARGETS OF MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE."

"The commentator, after commiserating with the citizens who 'night after night have lost not only sleep but often their belongings and their lives,' added:

"It is just as impossible to eliminate these attacks as it is impossible to eliminate artillery fire on the front."—Reuter.

SOVIET SPEEDS
UP HARVESTING

Collective farms throughout the Soviet Union are training every nerve to gather in the unprecedentedly bountiful harvest in record time, states the official Tass agency.

In many districts harvesting is well ahead of schedule. In the Crimea, for instance, four times more wheat has already been reaped than this time last year.—Reuter.

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FINNS ENGAGED IN
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Finnish forces have taken part in hostilities on Soviet territory, the Foreign Secretary stated in the Commons. Mr. Eden added it was untrue that the British Consul-General in Helsinki had been compelled by the Finnish Government to leave Finland.—Reuter.

NEW PRICE
FOR TRAM AND
BUS "SEASONS"

The new rates for season tickets for the bus and tramway companies were announced to-day.

Ordinary monthly tickets of the bus companies will cost \$10 and a monthly ticket for the trams is raised to \$8.

The special ticket of the China Motor Bus Company will cost \$14.

WILLKIE
DEMANDS
ACTION

Mr. Wendell Willkie told the press after President Roosevelt's daily conference yesterday: "There is no use in just giving lip service to Britain."

"We can either give her effective aid or it would be better not to try to give any aid at all."

Mr. Willkie said he favoured the U.S. establishing military bases in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

The American occupation of Iceland, he declared, "is in my judgment but the first of similar steps that should be taken."

Replying to questions, he said: "It is vital to keep the sea lanes open," and added that British shipping losses were running far ahead of new constructions.—Reuter.

S. M. WOODS
SLIGHTLY BETTER

The condition of Sgt-Major Woods, Permanent Staff Instructor, Royal Artillery, who was injured in a motor-cycle accident at Shatin on Tuesday night, was stated this morning to be slightly better.

P.S.I. Woods suffered injuries to the spine when the Army motor-cycle he was riding plunged over the embankment into the sea.

Nazi Defeat In
Front Of Lepel

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMISSION OF INTENSIFIED GERMAN PRESSURE AT THREE KEY POINTS ON THE LONG RUSSO-GERMAN BATTLEFRONT WAS MADE IN AN OFFICIAL MOSCOW ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT. VIOLENT FIGHTING IS RAGING IN FRONT OF OSTROV, VOLOTSK AND NOVOGRAD-VOLINSK, AND THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMS THE CAPTURE OF OSTROV.

Moscow's version of the day's fighting suggests that some further ground has been conceded, though there is confirmation of a serious German defeat on the fourth prong of the offensive, in front of Lepel. Elsewhere, the Soviet lines are holding.

German reports speak of "savage resistance" and the casualty toll is mounting. It is also admitted in Berlin that large pockets of Russian resistance are causing difficulty well behind the present German lines. — International News Service.

A war communique issued by the Soviet Information Board and broadcast by Moscow radio last night, declared that throughout the day "fierce fighting continued against large enemy tank and mechanised units trying to break through in the Ostrov, Polotsk and Novograd-Volinsk directions."

"In the Ostrov sector our forces are engaged in a stubborn battle, and are holding back the advance of superior enemy forces."

"IN THE DIRECTION OF POLOTSK THE ENEMY RENEWED HIS OFFENSIVE THIS MORNING. OUR TROOPS MET HIS OFFENSIVE WITH DEADLY ARTILLERY AND MACHINE-GUN FIRE, AND WITH DECISIVE COUNTER-ATTACKS. FIGHTING IS STILL CONTINUING."

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The communique adds: "In the air battle which ensued our aircraft brought down seven enemy machines with the loss of one of ours."—Reuter.

Three Rivers

The Battle of the Eastern Front has developed into the battle of the three rivers—Dvina, Dniester and Dnieper.

THE GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SAYS GERMAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED OSTROV, ON THE MAIN ROAD TO LENINGRAD, WHICH IS 200 MILES TO THE NORTH-EAST.

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U.S. NAVY
PERMITTED
TO SHOOT

COL. FRANK KNOX, U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, SAID AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAD TOLD THE NAVY WHAT TO DO IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO SHOOT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ATLANTIC APPROACHES TO U.S. BASE AGAINST HOSTILE ACTIVITY.

Col. Knox declared the language of the Iceland message "would indicate" that the President intended the Atlantic patrol to go farther than its previous orders, "which merely were to report any hostile craft sighted."—Reuter.



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Candid Commons Criticism Of British War Production

SERVICE M.P.s IN THE FOREFRONT

CANDID CRITICISM OF BRITISH WAR PRODUCTION WAS MADE IN SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHEN A TWO-DAY DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT WAS OPENED.

The debate provided an occasion for those who are not satisfied that the country is achieving the maximum possible output to ventilate their views.

Lt. Briabber (Cons.), who was with the Fleet Air Arm at Crete, complained of the lack of armaments and planes and of the weakness of tanks, while Lt.-Cmdr. Hopkinson asserted that none of the planes produced by Lord Beaverbrook's drive participated in the Battle of Britain.

He was assailed by Labour members when he described the Labour Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, as "an unskilled labourer."

Mr. G. M. Garro-Jones (Lab) urged the appointment of a Minister of Munitions, with a seat in the Cabinet, "to end the jostling for men and materials."

He contended the production of tanks was being delayed by countless modifications, and while expressing satisfaction with British aircraft production, declared too many types were being sent from America, resulting in hundreds lying unpacked in warehouses because the necessary auxiliary equipment was not available.

Govt. Slowness

Major Oscar Guest (Cons) declared it was very difficult for manufacturers to obtain clear-cut and quick decisions from Government departments.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal) said the enemy could draw no possible consolation from criticisms for there had been a tremendous output of war equipment of all kinds.

Mr. Mander continued that what they urged, however, was still greater output.

He complained of idleness in factories due to change-over in types. Workers resented for being paid for playing darts, which was all they had to do in many cases.

A Scandal

Mr. D. J. K. Quibell (Lab) said it was a scandal that at the factory which made the first tanks in Britain only a quarter of the employees were now engaged on war production.

Lt. Briabber declared that in the Middle East, Crete, Libya and Syria, there was an almost chronic lack of the most important materials of war.

"We are still grievously short of anti-aircraft guns, and at Maleme there was a great shortage of multiple half-inch machine-guns for use against low-flying aircraft."

"OUR TANKS DID WELL AGAINST THE ITALIANS BUT NOT SO WELL AGAINST THE GERMANS BECAUSE THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH OF THEM AND THEY WERE TOO SLOW."

"If we could produce 20,000 aircraft we could win the war."

Critic Of Mr. Bevin

Lt.-Cmdr. Hopkinson urged competitive tenders for design and revision of the contract system, asserting that at present it paid to take 80,000 man-hours to produce aircraft which could be produced in 20,000 man-hours.

He charged Mr. Bevin with incompetence in the manner in which labour was being handled.

JOE LOUIS RESISTS DIVORCE

ANSWERING THE DIVORCE SUIT FILED IN THE CHICAGO CIRCUIT COURT YESTERDAY BY HIS WIFE, JOE LOUIS, WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, DENIED HE EVER STRUCK HIS WIFE.

Asking dismissal of the suit, Louis completely denied the charges of cruelty, and denied that his wife "treated him kindly and affectionately and conducted herself towards him as a true and virtuous wife," as plaintiff claimed.

LEGAL ADVISER TO DOMINIONS OFFICE

Mr. K. E. Poyser, D.S.O., former Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, has been appointed Legal Adviser to the Dominions Office and Colonial Office, in succession to Sir Henry Gratton Bushe, K.C. M.G., recently appointed Governor of Barbados.

DE GAULLE AND DENTZ REQUEST

The Political Directorate of Free French states, regarding General Dentz's request for a Syrian armistice; "It was only under the necessity of freeing the Near East of Nazi influence that Allied forces entered Syria."

"For the Free French forces, who fully endorsed this action, it was extremely unpalatable, because they knew they would find in front of them French troops misled by the bad shepherds of Vichy who were expected to fight for Germany."

"In consequence, Free French were particularly happy to hear of the request for an armistice."

"They hope it will be possible to conclude the hostilities, overthrow the German threat to the Middle East and bring independence to Syria and Lebanon within the framework of the treaty of alliance with France, whose historical connections with the Levant will thus be preserved."

Fraternal Feelings

"It is with the greatest fraternal feelings that they welcome into their ranks their brothers who have been deceived by the propaganda of falsehood and who are now resolute in pursuing in common with them the struggle against Germany, the eternal enemy of the French people."

ENTERING GIARABUB

A ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICER WHO ENTERED GIARABUB SHORTLY AFTER ITS CAPTURE, REPORTED SOME INTERESTING STORIES OF THE ITALIAN GARRISON. SEVERAL ENEMY SOLDIERS GAVE HIM LETTERS TO POST TO THEIR RELATIVES IN ROME AND ELSEWHERE, BELIEVING THAT, SINCE THEY HAD HAD NO NEWS OF ANY ITALIAN DEFEAT ANYWHERE THE CAPTURE OF GIARABUB MEANT THAT THE ENTIRE ITALIAN EMPIRE WAS IN OUR HANDS.

A sad commentary on Gayda's arrogant propaganda. One of the soldiers had been whiling away the time by learning German. His exercise book was found filled with delicate calligraphy—the headings of the pages in graceful Italian, and underneath fatiguing columns of German terminations.

When his British captors searched him for something with which to identify him, they found a postcard from his Mother, in what used to be the Italian Tyrol. "Dear Son" it read, "we are hoping that it will all be finished quickly, quickly."

BRITISH WAR SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIA

Equipment for Russia is already in transit from Britain, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday.

Arrangements have been completed in Britain for supplying Russia with large quantities of war materials, it was also stated.

—Reuter.

FIRE FIGHTING IN A BOMBER

On their first operational flight the second pilot and the rear gunner of a Whitley bomber beat out a fire in their aircraft with their hands, and smothered it with a parachute bag.

The bomber had been on a night raid on the oil tanks at Rotterdam. Half of the target area was already in flames when the aircraft arrived. After it had dropped its load of bombs in a direct hit on an oil tank, the target went up in fire also.

Shortly after the Whitley recrossed the Dutch coast on the return journey the starboard engine cut out, and then caught fire. It may have been hit by flak over Rotterdam. When the petrol was switched off the fire seemed at first to die out, but a little later it re-appeared blazing fiercely, beneath the engine and under the fuselage.

The rear gunner and the second pilot started to deal with the fire. First the gunner tried to beat it out with his hands, but he could not keep it under. Then he brought an extinguisher from the tail of the aircraft, and both he and the second pilot went to work with this, but still without dousing the flames.

Next, they took a parachute bag and managed to smother the bulk of the fire with that, finishing the job with an extinguisher.

The Whitley was now only 500 feet above the sea, into which the pilot thought he would be forced down. As the fire was now out he decided to try for the nearest aerodrome. The crew jettisoned the ammunition and the dinghy, and the pilot just managed to get enough height to reach a Coastal Command aerodrome. The undercarriage refused to come down but the pilot made a successful landing near the flare path. None of the crew was injured.

IRAQ TO COME UNDER INDIA

The defence of Iraq will in future be the responsibility of the India Command and will come under the authority of General Sir Archibald Wavell, newly appointed Commander-in-Chief.

—Reuter.

UNCEASING RAIDS IN MIDDLE EAST

Direct hits with heavy bombs were obtained by R.A.F. bombers on the railway station and warehouses near the harbour at Tripoli, Syria, said yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Australian aircraft carried out a diving machine-gun attack on Vichy armoured cars and motor transport vehicles near Beirut. During the night of July 7/8 heavy bombers attacked and damaged Vichy aircraft on the ground and at Aleppo and on satellite aerodromes at Nasrullah, where three Vichy aircraft were destroyed.

In Cyrenaica R.A.F. heavy bombers again successfully attacked the harbour at Benghazi. In one of these raids a large petrol fire was started on the railway terminus siding.

Fires At Benghazi

Another extensive fire was started at the base of the Cathedral Mole, causing a 500-yards belt of flame which spread along the docks and was visible from 40 miles.

Fires were started at the base of the central mole by another formation which also severely damaged a CR 42 aircraft.

R.A.F. bombers also attacked targets at Elousia, Greece, and on the island of Crete, causing fires.

All aircraft returned safely.

—Reuter.

RAID WAS "THUNDER" TO BABIES

When bombs crashed down on a home for blind babies, nurses rescuing the tiny children told them: "It's only a thunderstorm—we're going to take you for a ride."

Tears of fright turned to gurgles of excitement.

"There was no crying—the babies thought it was an exciting game," said Miss V. Lyon, a fire-watcher, who helped in the rescue.

The home was shattered by two bombs in the night raid on Merseyside.

Three nurses were killed and two critically injured. But the twenty-seven babies—some toddlers up to six years old—were rescued unhurt from a basement shelter.

Made It A "Game"

Evacuated to other hospitals, they lay in their cots playing with toys and talking of their "holiday."

The matron, Miss M. E. Smith, herself injured, directed the staff, fire watchers and neighbours.

They made a "game" of rescuing the babies to avoid terrifying them.

The nurses killed were Jean Everingham, 17, of Farm End Cottages, Selby, Yorks; Dorothy Powell, 16, of Swann Hotel, Bolton, Lancs; and Joyce Hughes, 10, of Bucks Road, Douglas, Isle of Man.

Those seriously injured were Muriel Calderbank, 18, of Brooklen, Askam-in-Furness, and Mary Ponting, 21, Wolferton Road, Hull.

The attack was not on a very heavy scale.

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RAIDS DEEP INTO GERMANY

More Daylight Attacks In France

Vigorous Offensive Operations

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HEAVY BOMBERS OF THE R.A.F., ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS, ATTACKED A POWER STATION NEAR BETHUNE, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE. THE TARGET WAS HIT BY HEAVY BOMBS.

During the daylight operations 13 enemy aircraft were destroyed, 12 by fighters and one by a bomber. Eight British fighters are missing, the pilot of one being safe.

One section of the large bomber force which attacked Germany's industrial resources on Tuesday night went to Halle and Leuna, near Leipzig, 550 miles from London.

At Leuna, they bombed a synthetic oil plant of the I.G. Farbenindustrie, one of the principal factories on which depends Germany's attempt to secure economic self-sufficiency.

At great expense in coal and labour this plant normally produces 400,000 metric tons of oil per annum.

The British bombers made the long flight under a bright moon and were there and back within the short hours of the summer night.

Hamm Assaulted

A very heavy attack was made on the great railway system at Hamm. The yard was torn by the explosions of many heavy bombs and the railway buildings suffered.

Large fires started could be seen burning fiercely many miles on the way home.

One British bomber which attacked Hamm met an enemy fighter. The rear-gunner drove it off and saw flames coming from it.

Munster Again

Munster was attacked for the fourth night in succession. One pilot described the huge fire in the town, surrounded by many scattered outbreaks.

The railway lines were hit and close to the main railway station large sheds burned furiously and all the walls caved in.

Bielefeld and Essen were also attacked.—Reuter.

HOLIDAYS FOR RAID MOTHERS

Hundreds of Bristol mothers and children who have suffered in air raids are to be sent to the country and seaside for rest periods of from two to three weeks.

Preliminary details of the scheme were announced by the Lord Mayor (Alderman T. H. Underdown).

"It is hoped to secure hundreds of billets in the country and seaside places in the West country," he said.

Bristol Education Committee recently decided to urge the Ministry of Health to schedule the entire city as an evacuation area immediately.

Hammer Blows On The Ruhr

Intensification of R.A.F. attacks on the Ruhr provokes the question, "Has Germany not moved her industry in bulk to the east?"

Authoritative circles in London, while agreeing that a move of some kind may have been made to the safest possible places—including Austria and Poland—emphasise that economically it is almost impossible to remove heavy material from corresponding heavy supplies such as coal and coke.

Heavy plant installed with pipe mains and other intricate accessories becomes almost part of the ground and transportation would involve 50% rebuilding and would be a colossal undertaking.

Extensions to plant may well have been set up in the eastern Reich if economic handicaps have not proved too great.

But the Ruhr, which before the war produced 70 to 75% of German coal, containing a greater part of the coking and steel industries and also to a lesser degree the electric power industry, is still the industrial heart of Germany.

THAT THE NAZIS RECOGNISE THE FACT IS SHOWN BY A RECENT STATEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER "DEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG": "THE FATE OF THE RUHR AREA IS THE FATE OF GERMANY."

Hammer blows on the Ruhr are hammer blows on German economy.—British Wireless.

MOBILE UNITS MEND HOMES

A scheme to repair rapidly workers' war damaged homes has been drawn up between the Ministry of Works and building contractors in Greater London and the southern counties.

Labour, plant and material can be sent where they are most needed with the minimum of delay, each contractor using his men and plant as a unit.

"Every raid must be followed by a swift counter-attack by this mobile army of builders," said the Director of Emergency Repairs, Ministry of Works.

BRITISH FAR EASTERN POLICY RE-AFFIRMED

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, the Foreign Secretary, declared in the House of Commons yesterday that the Axis recognition of the Nanking regime would make no difference to Government's Far Eastern policy, which was based on recognition of Chungking as the legitimate Chinese National Government.

Mr. Eden was replying to Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Lab.) who invited him to make a statement on the relations between the British Government and Chungking in view of the recent Axis recognition of Nanking.

Mr. Eden continued that on July 7 the Chinese entered on the fifth year of their indomitable resistance.

"I am happy to repeat the assurance I recently gave here that the British Government will continue to do what they can to help China maintain her independence." (Cheers.)

Mr. Eden indicated assent when Mr. Noel-Baker expressed the hope that he would transmit that message to the Chinese Government with assurances that it was warmly supported by all parties in the House.

Shipping Shortage

Replying to Major-Gen. Sir Alfred Knox (Cons), Mr. Eden

said supplies of rice for the poor in the International Settlement of Shanghai was primarily an affair for the Municipal Council to take up with the Japanese authorities.

Asked if he knew that the price of rice had risen 700 per cent. Mr. Eden said he knew the situation was serious.

Replying to Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons), Mr. Eden said there had been some shortage of shipping in Far Eastern waters resulting in difficulties for the Shanghai Power Company in maintaining coal stocks.

He understood, however, that the company had succeeded in chartering a number of neutral vessels and were negotiating for others.—Reuter.

SIX AMERICAN NURSES LOST IN TORPEDOED SHIP

The American Red Cross announced in Washington yesterday that six American nurses are missing from a British ship torpedoed en route to England.—Reuter.

THE TYPHOON

The typhoon this morning at 7.50 a.m. was reported to be halfway between the Marianne Islands and Luzon, moving WNW.

CHILD KILLED

A five-year-old Chinese girl was run over and killed by a bus in Canton Road yesterday afternoon.

MADE £1,800 -FINED £100

For selling silk stockings in excess of quota, Maurice Ross, of Northumberland Street, Newcastle, was at Newcastle fined £100 with £26 5s. costs.

Ross sold £36,415 worth of stockings on which he made a profit of £1,800.

It was necessary, the prosecutor stated, to cut down public consumption of silk to provide for the manufacture of parachutes.

"This is not a case," he said, "that can be explained away as being the result of a mistake. It is a glaring infraction of the limitation of supplies order."

Ross was said to be a special constable and president of the Jewish community at Whitley Bay.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF ICELAND OCCUPATION NOT MISUNDERSTOOD

THE AMERICAN occupation of Iceland ordered by President Roosevelt in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces in the United States is a stroke whose significance has been universally appreciated and whose boldness has been warmly welcomed in this country, declares "The Times" in an editorial.

The defence of the main Atlantic routes, adds "The Times," is not purely a matter of Anglo-American concern. It is of vital interest to every country which possesses an Atlantic seaboard or whose ships sail the ocean.

"Should the other arm of what President Roosevelt calls the 'German pincers' movement against the western hemisphere become menacing, and should the establishment of further American bases be desirable in order to avert it, Great Britain will certainly be prepared to cooperate once again as she has done in the past and as Iceland has now done in the north," "The Times" added.

"That American armed forces are now stationed within 500 miles of the British Isles is a measure of the colossal progress realised in less than two years from the outbreak of war."

"The Times" continues: "This new instrument and symbol of American aid to Britain is an outstanding contribution to winning the war and it is also a fresh land-mark of American policy."

United States comment on American occupation of Iceland progressed far beyond the points of its consideration as a purely defensive measure.

Nearer To War

Upon implications being analysed, there is a widespread concurrence in the belief that the United States has been brought much closer to open war with Germany.

Leader writers of the interventionist newspapers sound a hell-rose note emphasising Iceland's occupation as an offensive action and urging similar and speedy action to occupy Dakar and the Atlantic Islands. Even the normally non-intervention papers concede the wisdom of President Roosevelt's action for the purposes of defence of the western sphere but qualify their approval by criticism that Congress was not consulted.

The "New York Times" columnist, Hanson Baldwin says: "The President's measures imply evidence of the Government's intention to help Britain with military means."

Not Passive

The bases the United States is now establishing in Iceland should not be merely for passive defence, the "New York Times" writes.

"What is most important about Iceland is that it is not merely a base for the defence of Iceland itself but bases for patrolling the sea lanes."

Leonard Engel, in a New York newspaper, writes: "Iceland can also serve as an offensive base for the Americans now there as well as a defensive point."

"The coast of Norway is 915 miles away. Four motored bombers can reach that far."

The United States, by occupying Iceland, has for the first time obtained a possible base for air action against Europe.

Change In Tone

The usually non-interventionist "New York Daily News" says: "The occupation relieves British troops for service elsewhere and will facilitate the protection of American shipments to Britain. 'We are glad the United States has occupied the place'—Reuter

ANGELS IN UNIFORM

Many famous British artists have contributed to a display of textile designs, notable for their originality, which are expected to help the export trade.

Anna Zinkeisen has portrayed enchanting young women in uniform and called the design "Angels in Uniform." It should appeal to young women in America who are unable to wear uniforms.

There are badge designs for silk handkerchiefs. Others show young women gazing fondly at aeroplanes, and lovely new colour mixtures have been introduced.

Women will be able to dress in material bordered with tape measures—a design by Eric Ravilious, which includes clocks and griffins, and even boots.

The exhibition is at Manchester Art Gallery.

MEAT MEN WIN STRIKE

Strike of wholesale meat workers which threatened to paralysed the country's meat distribution has been settled.

Involving 2,500 men, the strike began after dismissal of sixty men employed at a bombed London depot. Thirty other depots came out in sympathy.

"The men have returned to work," an official of the Transport and General Workers' Union told the "Daily Mirror."

"The employers have conceded the four disputed points. All notices are withdrawn. No pay is to be stopped."

FLARES IN HAWAII BLACK-OUT

Lights were blotted out in the Hawaiian Islands soon after 9 p.m. recently, as residents, warned of the approach of theoretical enemy bombers, tested a protected black-out.

Sirens, radio announcements and motor messengers heralded the approach of the 'planes.

Isolated hamlets of farthest North Kauai Island were darkened and, far south on Hawaii, Japanese grocers extinguished their kerosene lamps. Lighthouse keepers doused beacons.

The black-out, part of the Army's spring war games, found soldiers manning observation posts burrowed into lava peaks awaiting attackers who, when they came, dropped flares instead

Blazed Again

of explosives. Then lights blazed again from Kaena point to Koko Head and another black-out, third for the islands in two years, was over.

Gov. J. B. Poindexter, in a radio broadcast, said Hawaii's many racial groups are loyal to America and welcomed the opportunity to cooperate.

Lieut. Gen. Walter C. Short, commanding the Hawaii Department, said the Territory "outdid" itself.

Army planes had scattered leaflets over the islands warning of the black-out and urging full cooperation. Leaflets were printed in English, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian and a Filipino dialect.

During the black-out, civilian controlled this year, 1,500 Red Cross workers set up emergency stations; motorcyclists patrolled highways; 100 civilian trucks equipped with emergency supplies hastened to "bombed" sections and black-out patrols were active.

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A HAVEN FOR THE BLITZED

A farmhouse overlooking the Chiltern Hills, far from reminders of the blitz, is to be a haven for war-weary civil defence workers and their families.

There they will stay for two weeks each. Their fares from London will be paid. There will be no rent, and they will be helped with the cost of food. Originator of the scheme is the Rev. Leslie Fisher, of Bermondsey, S.E.1. He started it with £100 collected by a parson in New York.

Not A Hostel

The rector's wife, who is staying at the farmhouse with her two children, will take care of the blitzed families and help with their shopping. "Some time ago I planned the scheme—it was just a matter of funds," Mr. Fisher told the "Daily Mirror." "Now, with the help of kind Americans, we can start almost straight away. "I want, if possible, to get away from the hostel idea and give the scheme a homely, intimate touch. "There is accommodation for about two families at a time."

CHEUNG CHAU MINE DISASTER; JUNKS BLOWN UP

SOME 30 JUNKS were destroyed on Monday when two of the craft struck mines off Cheung Chau Island, according to a belated report received by the headquarters of the Hong Kong Chinese Fishermen's Union.

According to the report received, a large petrol junk left Cheung Chau for Ku Lung Bay to take refuge from the weather at about 9 a.m. on Monday.

Some 15 minutes later, whilst sailing off the north coast of the island, the junk struck a drifting mine and was blown to smithereens.

Other junks and sampans nearby heard the explosion and hurried to carry out rescue work.

While these boats were searching for survivors, another drifting mine struck one of them.

The entire fleet of some 30 boats was destroyed, some being thrown, with their occupants, high into the air.

Police Report

According to a Police report this morning, the junk disaster

incident occurred at 2 p.m. on Monday and only three junks were involved.

It stated that three junks, alleged to be fully loaded with petrol, entered the minefield between Shek Ling and Tai Ku Chan, and were blown up.

The police rescued one of the crew who died shortly afterwards. The rest, believed to be some 30 in number were killed or drowned.

FRENCH IN SHANGHAI OBEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Complying with orders issued on July 2 by the French Ambassador, M. Cosme, Shanghai French employees of the Municipal Council, police and consulate yesterday submitted written pledges of allegiance to the Vichy regime.

It is expected all will be received by the deadline to-day. The measure applies to French citizens in administrative organisations throughout China, as well as Shanghai.—International News Service.

CHINA CURRENCY STABILISATION

Asked about the constitution of a Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury stated in the Commons that the Board would consist of five members, three of whom are Chinese, one American and one British.

Sterling and dollar funds would not be pooled but would remain separate funds though managed by the same Board.—Reuter.

PRESS HOSTEL HAVOC

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") The Chinese Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Shao Yu-lin, yesterday extended sympathies to correspondents whose residence, the "Press Hostel," has been rendered uninhabitable by the recent Japanese bombings.

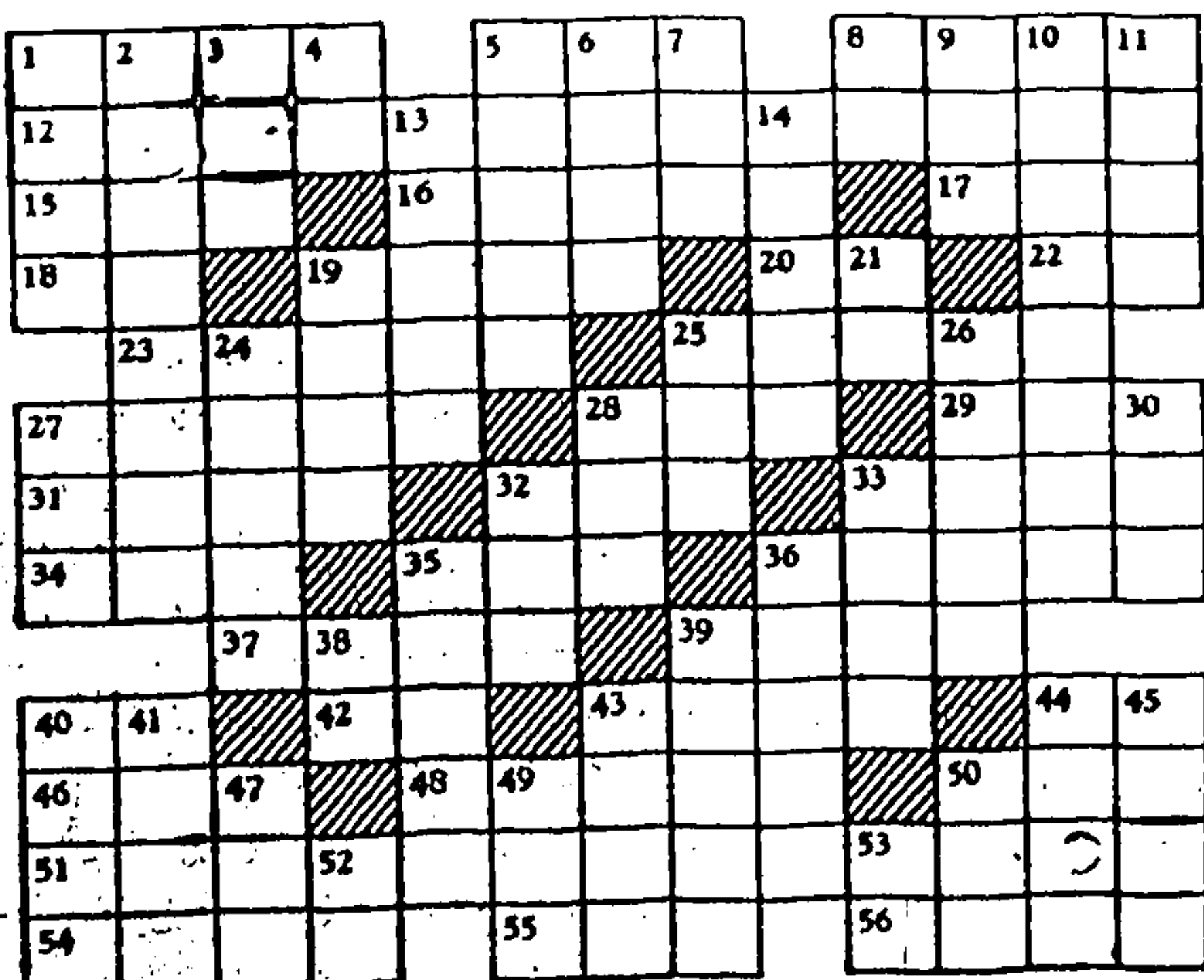
The mess hall of the hostel was burned down and the annex collapsed.—International News Service.

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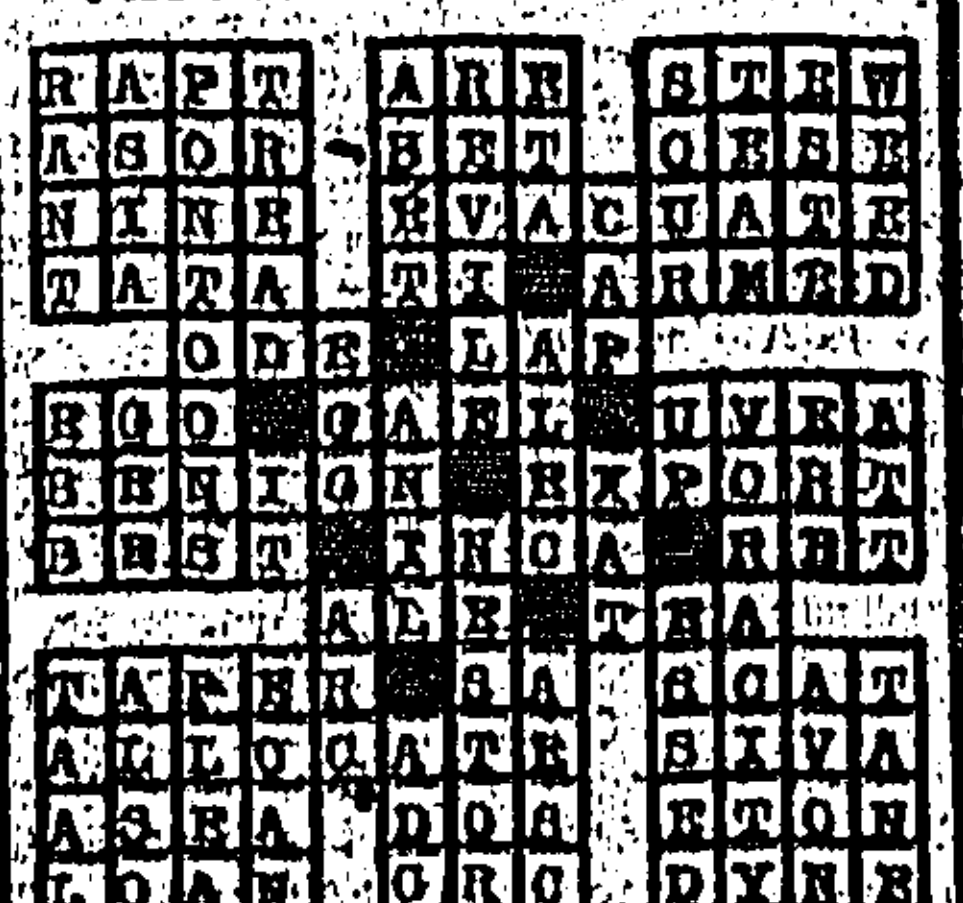
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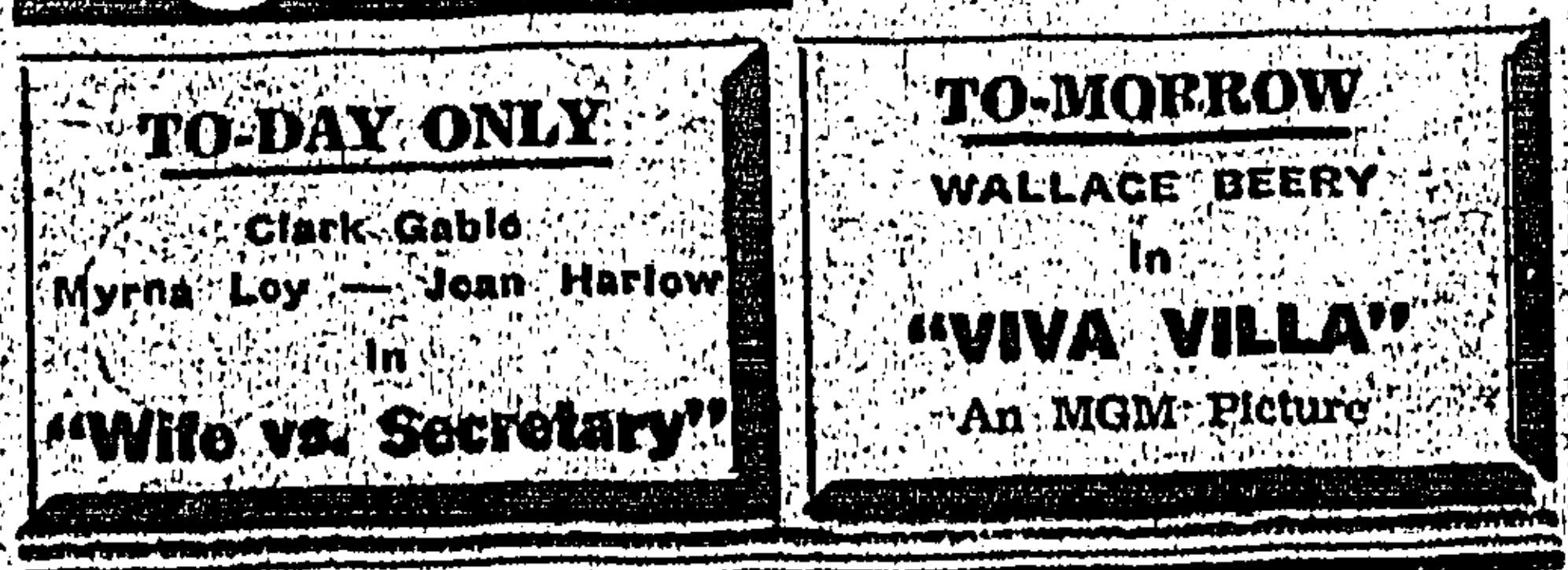


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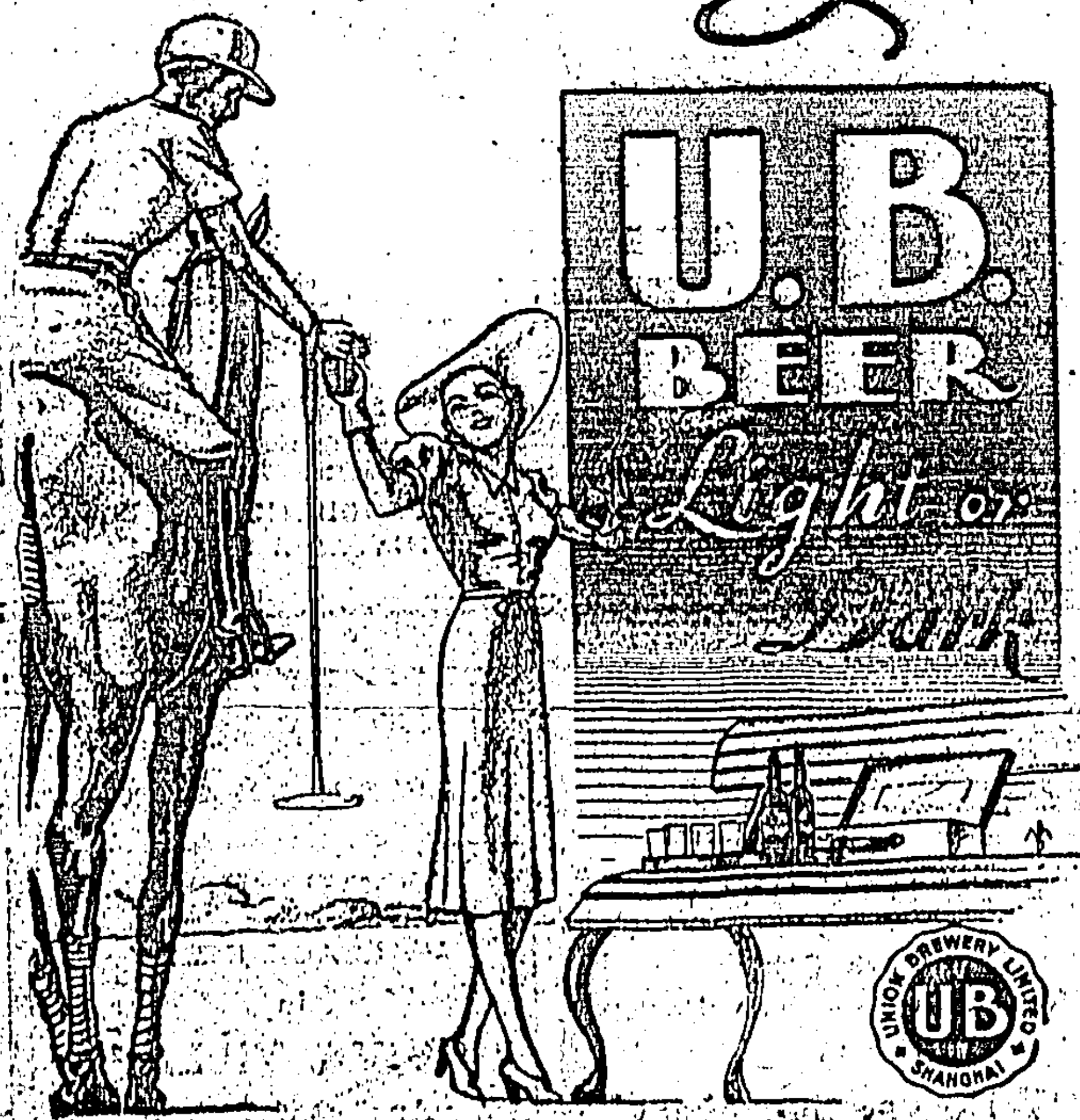
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PREMIER ASSUMES "CLOSE COOPERATION" IN ICELAND

REPLYING TO A Commons question relating to the position in Iceland, the Prime Minister said that the military occupation of Iceland by U.S. forces was one of the most important things that has happened since the war began.

The step had been undertaken by the U.S.A. in pursuance of the purely American policy of protecting the western Hemisphere from the Nazi menace.

"I understand it is the view of the American technical authorities that modern conditions of war, especially air war, require forestalling action, in this case especially, in order to prevent acquisition by Hitler of a jumping off ground from which it would be possible, bound by bound, to come to close quarters with the American continent.

"It is not for me to comment on these American views although I may say they are fairly obvious to anyone who takes sufficient interest to understand what is going on." Mr. Churchill recalled that with the assent of the Icelandic people, Britain had for some time maintained a strong garrison on the Island and he continued: "This measure of American policy is therefore in complete harmony with British interest and we have found no reason to object to it at any time."

"I cannot see we should have any grounds for taking any other attitude in view of an invitation extended to the U.S.A. by the Icelandic Government.

"We still propose to retain our army in Iceland and, as the British and U.S. forces will both have the same object in view, namely the defence of Iceland, it seems very likely they will cooperate closely and effectively in resistance to any attempt of Hitler to gain a footing on the Island."

Second Principle

After stating he found "no reason for regretting the steps which the U.S. have taken in circumstances forced upon them," Mr. Churchill turned to what he understood to be the second principle which led the U.S. to the occupation of Iceland.

This he thought he found in the declared will and purpose of the President, Congress and people of the U.S., not only to send all possible aid in warlike munitions and supplies to Britain but also to make sure they arrived.

"Here again is a course of action for which the U.S. must take full responsibility.

"Apart from this position the U.S. forces in Iceland will require to be sustained at sea from time to time.

"THESE CONSIGNMENTS TO AMERICAN FORCES ON DUTY OVERSEAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE U.S.A. WILL HAVE TO TRAVERSE VERY DANGEROUS WATERS AND AS WE HAVE A VERY LARGE TRAFFIC PASSING THROUGH THESE WATERS IT MAY BE FOUND IN PRACTICE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE TWO NAVIES INVOLVED TO ASSIST EACH OTHER AS FAR AS CONVENIENT IN THAT PART OF THE WATERS.

"I do not think I need say anything further about that, which appears at every point a matter which seems so very plain and simple."—Reuter.

HUNDRED DESTROYERS A YEAR

The United States will be producing 100 destroyers a year by 1943, disclosed Admiral S. M. Robinson, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Ships, in Washington yesterday.

The U.S. shipbuilding programme, declared Admiral Robinson, was proceeding much faster than the most optimistic in the Navy Department had expected and it was "absolutely essential" to speed the production of materials to keep up with the pace.

Testifying before the Senate defence investigating committee, Admiral Robinson said the programme was "four or five months" ahead of the rest of the national defence effort.—Reuter.

NAZI DIGGING IN AT SOLLUM

Latest news from Libya indicates that the Nazis are digging fortifications in the Sollum area, says a British wireless message.

SCOUTS HAVE 178 DIFFERENT WAR JOBS

IN A ROOM decorated with Baden-Powell's paintings wearing the green and yellow riband of the highest Scout decoration, the Silver Wolf, Lord Somers, the new Chief Scout, sits for three days every week carrying on Baden-Powell's work.

Nobody has inherited the title of Chief Scout of the World, but 54-year-old Lord Somers is Chief Scout of the Empire, leading half a million boys in Britain and twice as many overseas.

Scouts, he told the "News Chronicle", are doing 178 different war jobs, including fire-spotting, rescuing furniture, acting as messengers and telephonists, working in rest centres and ambulances.

One troop has trained to help in operating theatres. They put up Morrison indoor shelters and even collect medicinal herbs.

One G.C., Eight G.M.s

Apart from numbers of Scout decorations for gallantry they have won eight George Medals and one George Cross. One had who had put out three Incon-

darles tried to put out a fourth. It was an H.E., and he was killed.

"There is no war job, save purely technical jobs, that they have not already learned," said Lord Somers. "They led the fire brigades during the big fire come from far afield into what was to the firemen strange country. Scouts met them on the outskirts and took them direct to their objectives."

"Sea scouts are in demand as signallers and 400 of them have been co-opted for service in convoys already. As more and more reach the age of 18, they will be taken into the service."

The Scout movement, he added, is looking forward to re-creating its international character after the war.

TWO SCHOOLBOYS TAKE HUN PILOT

Two prefects at a public school have achieved the ambition of every schoolboy—they captured a German pilot.

They went up to him and talked to him until a car came along.

They stopped this, popped the German inside it with a word of explanation to the driver—and went calmly back to school.

HOSPITALS UNDER SHOPS

The Government is trying to open air-raid hospitals in the basements of big stores all over the country.

The Minister of Health told the "Daily Mirror" that when he visited a new "shadow" hospital under a Birmingham store.

Many operations were performed there during the city's last blitz.

Patients were brought by ambulance and carried through the streets in stretchers to the store, taken down in the lift, and immediately operated on. After the raid they were moved to other hospitals.

In a raid the counters and goods in the store can be cleared and the hospital equipment and beds set up in a few minutes.

"This hospital was a valuable addition to the general hospital during the last raid," the Minister said.

"It saved the lives of many people."

7,500 TO 1 AGAINST

The odds against being hit by a German bomb in Britain are 7,500 to one, according to Mr. Bowne McCoy, director of American Red Cross in Britain, now in the U.S. — Associated Press.

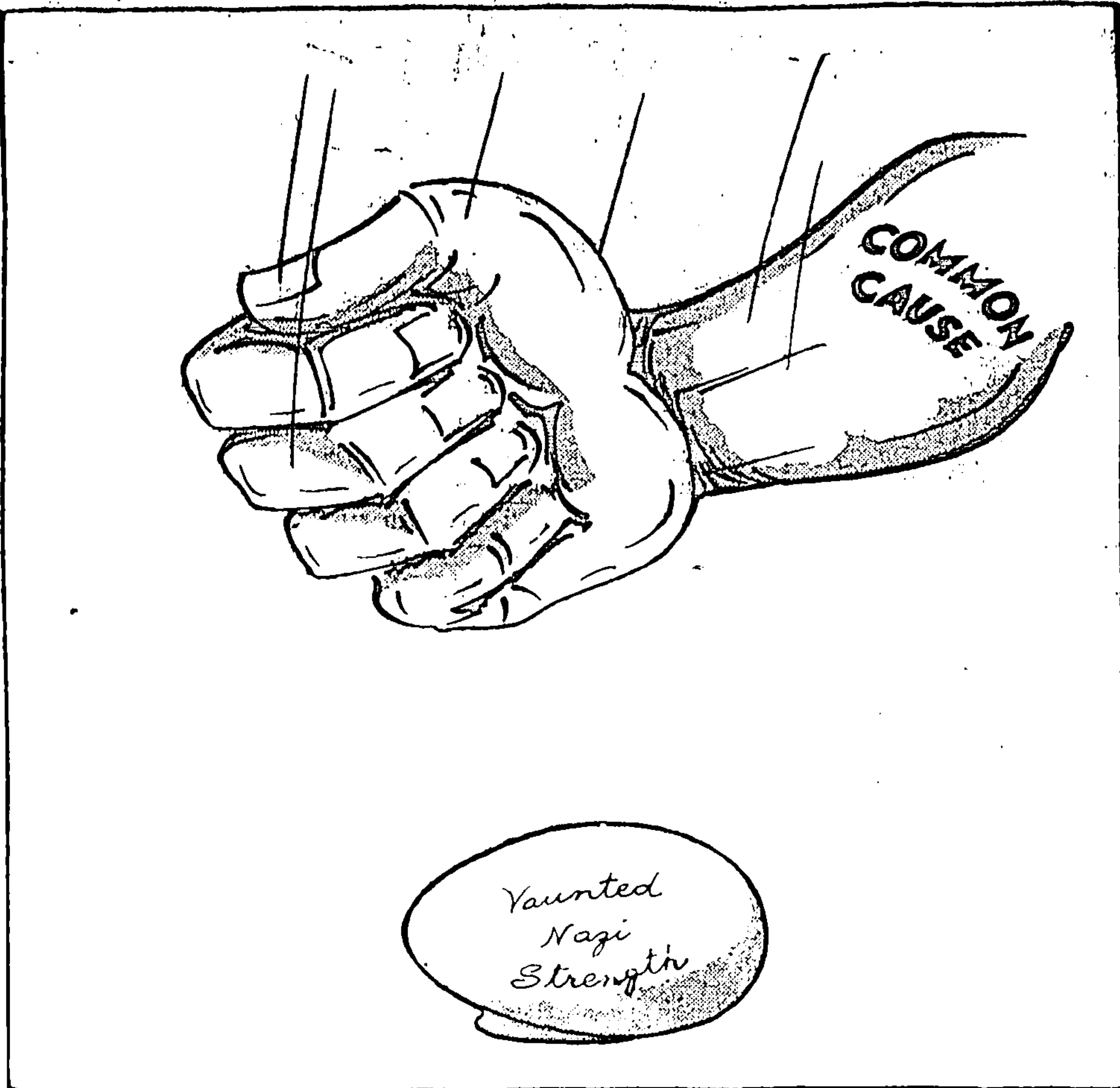


ICELAND

American occupation of Iceland and the Presidential declaration removing, in effect, any hemispheric boundary of United States defence operations, advances the United States a further bold step, with obvious implications. The President has merely implemented the theme of his recent speech in which he declared the folly of waiting until an enemy has begun offensive operations before taking defensive measures.

Whether they realise it or not, the dwindling number of Americans who have been contending that the United States should fight "only if invaded" are supporting a particular theory of military and diplomatic strategy, and a discredited one. They are saying, in effect, not that they will fight only if their own national interests are vitally affected, which is a much different contention, but that they will fight only on their own soil. This is another way of saying that if there is a war the enemy will have the advance assurance that it will be U.S. territory that will be the battlefield and not his; that it will be U.S. civilians who will suffer the incidental and perhaps decisive costs and not his; and that the great advantage of the initial surprise will be accorded to him. And it is at least partly because they followed such a policy—and prepared only for such a policy—that Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, France, Yugoslavia and Greece met their present fate.

Any country that shows in advance that it will fight only on its own territory must lose the diplomatic battle that precedes war. It must lose the preceding and continuing "war of nerves." Hitler has made his bloodless as well as bloody conquests by terror and blackmail and threats. Because nations threatened were either weak or only defensively armed, they could not threaten Hitler in turn. By threats he stood to lose nothing, therefore, and gain a great deal. All the psychological strain of vigilance, tenseness and fear fell upon those whom he chose or might choose for his victims. He has even been able to secure an increasing number of "allies" because, though they hate him, they fear him more. America is a different case. She can answer back and President Roosevelt has done so.



DOWN ON IT!

Transatlantic Air Service

Crediting the war with having made both necessary and possible the "forced-draft technical advancement of trans-oceanic air service," Mr. J. T. Trippe, President of the Pan American Airways System, told British aviation experts in London on June 17 that he confidently expects to see multiple daily schedules, requiring but twelve hours for the non-stop continent-to-continent flight, in regular operation over this "aerial life-line" between the United States and Europe within the next two years.

Mr. Trippe, who is in London to discuss aviation matters concerning America's international air transport system with British and other officials, presented the twenty-ninth Wilbur Wright Memorial Lecture on the subject of "Ocean Air Transport," before the annual meeting of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the world's oldest organised aviation group.

The Operating Record

To date, the Pan American Clippers have completed 352 schedule transatlantic crossings. On these flights they have transported the record totals of 4,685 passengers, 445,390 pounds of United States mail, and 365,350 pounds of foreign mails. The transatlantic Clippers have flown 1,500,000 miles across the ocean and have flown more than 25,500,000 passenger miles "without incident."

"It is particularly gratifying," Mr. Trippe said, "that the transatlantic air mail service is currently operating at a profit to the United States Government. The postage revenue accruing to the United States Treasury is well in excess of the cost to the government of the service operated by Pan American Airways. The company, however, has not fared so well. A large proportion of its revenue is dependent upon mail payments from European governments. In view of the conditions existing, many of these accounts remain unpaid, and several of them are many months in arrears."

The methods developed to achieve this record represent America's principal contribution to ocean air transport. This operating technique, which Pan American has been engaged in developing for more than ten years, has contributed first, the Multiple Flight Crew. Through the highly organized training and operation of this 11-man flight unit, it is now possible to conduct transport flights as long as 24 hours in duration.

Second, the development of power plants accessible for repair of adjustment in flight has demonstrated an important new safety factor. During the past two years, in which this Boeing

type of Clipper has been in operation on both the Atlantic and the Pacific, we have had 481 cases of repairs made in flight. In each of these, affected power plants were kept going or else quickly returned to operation. In 64 of these cases, had the engines not been accessible, the causes of the failures were of such a serious nature that the ship would have been forced to return to its nearest base with only three of its engines in operation.

"Third, development of a system of Scientific Flight Control, a unique advancement in long-range air transport—essentially a third-dimensional flight path, plotted with scientific exactitude through all known conditions affecting each individual flight."

Effects Of The War

This pioneer transatlantic service instituted by Pan American Airways was inaugurated on May 20, 1939. Within three months of the establishment of the service, the war in Europe seriously curtailed normal surface transport and imposed increasingly heavy burdens on the air service which automatically became the most effective, as well as the swiftest means of transport between the United States and Europe. As one result, the airline was required to carry passenger and mail loads as great as ten times the originally estimated volume of this traffic. At the same time, unforeseeable wind, weather and sea conditions, particularly during the Winter months, imposed new problems for the air service.

"A few months after the opening of operations in 1939, and shortly after the outbreak of war, we released an order for six additional Boeing B-314-A transports for delivery early in 1941. Four of these have now been delivered, three of which have been transferred to the British Government. The remaining aircraft on this order should enable us soon to increase the frequency of service from the present three to six scheduled round trips each week on the Atlantic."

Super-Clippers Coming

Describing the steps already taken by Pan American Airways towards the future advancement of this transatlantic service, Mr. Trippe revealed that shortly after the service was instituted in 1939, specifications were released to manufacturers inviting bids on

the design and development of a new type of Clipper which the company's experience to date indicated as required for the next step in trans-oceanic air service. Mr. Trippe disclosed that construction contracts for a fleet of such advanced aircraft were actually let in June, 1940, with the first deliveries scheduled for early in 1942.

Concerning these new ocean transports, Mr. Trippe said: "I regret that I am not yet at liberty to disclose the technical details of these aircraft. I can, however, cite certain of the immediate and specific problems encountered in our transatlantic operations, the presence of which we had in mind in their procurement."

1. "During the months between October 1 and April 1, sea-swells in the harbour of Horta exceeded three feet on 35 days out of each hundred, and exceeded two and one-half feet on 67 days out of each hundred. The effective solution of this cause of delayed schedules is an increase of 1200 miles in the practical commercial range of trans-oceanic aircraft so as to permit continent-to-continent non-stop operation."

2. "Wind aloft records maintained through the past two years indicate that higher cruising speeds of at least 75 to 100 miles an hour greater than those now available, are desirable. This involves high-altitude, super-charged operations."

3. "Finally, the recurring ice problem on the North Atlantic coast points to the advantages of landplane operations. Ocean transports of a landplane type could also permit direct service between metropolitan airports on both sides of the Atlantic."

Future Advance Swift

Looking confidently toward the future, Mr. Trippe outlined certain specific technical advances which were now within reach. He envisioned increased wing-loadings up to 80 pounds per square foot, high aspect ratios of 11, useful-to-gross weight ratios of 50%, while efficient 3,000 horsepower engines are already in prospect.

"Before the next two years have passed, I believe we can, with confidence, look forward to frequent, daily flights, operating on twelve hour schedules, to bridge what was once a great barrier-ocean-between the new world and the old."

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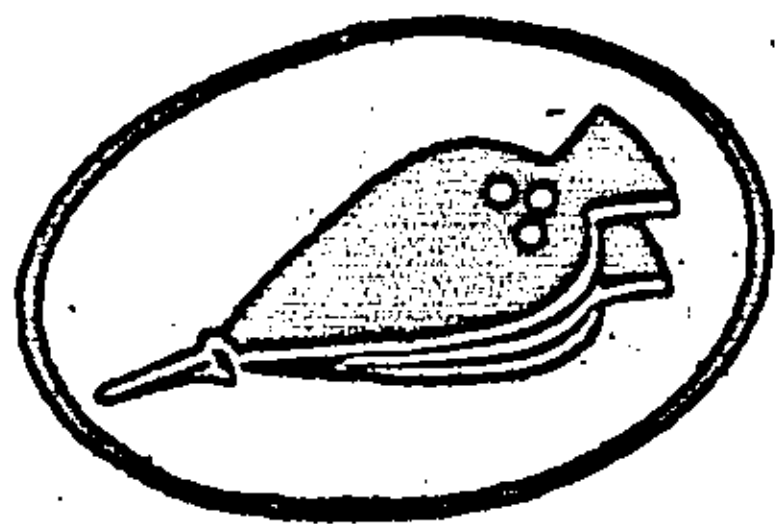
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CHANGES IN AIR WAR OVER BRITAIN

(By Major Oliver Stewart)

THE TEMPORARY cessation of heavy aerial bombing gave time and opportunity for a change in the strategical situation on the home front to be apprehended and for the new duties which will be imposed upon the population of these islands when the fighting flares up again to be defined and understood.

In the past passive defence has been imposed by the strategical conditions. In the future active defence will become available. It will be the background for the heavy counter-attacks now in preparation.

In the past the approach of enemy bombing aircraft was the signal for many non-combatant members of the community to take cover. The general atmosphere in the country was one of enduring the blows that were known to be coming without flinching.

But now there is in every field the appropriate counter-stroke. The majority of the civil air population are mobilised and trained for active defence measures. They are fire-watchers, fire fighters, A.R.P. workers, first-aid squads, and the like. Almost everybody has his specific task.

Fighting Back

So now when a big aerial attack develops the people of our cities no longer take cover, they come out to fight the enemy with the appropriate implements. Instead of going to ground they rise and shine. Firemen fight airmen. The A.R.P. services save life and property. The rescue and first-aid squads are active. The repair organisations get to work. Those who organise the housing and feeding of the people whose homes have been destroyed go into action. Members of the Home Guard stand to.

It is the gradual shifting of the initiative. Unlike the operations in Libya, the initiative in the air war at home is not suddenly passed from side to side. We have to grasp it by prolonged effort, by increased activity and toughness in defence with mounting counter-attack.

Improving Defences

Our improving defences are not alone the outcome of the more active efforts of the civil defence workers. They are also the outcome of technical improvements in the Royal Air Force and in the anti-aircraft guns and their accessories and equipment. The "other devices" are beginning to come into play.

Sir Alan Brooke has warned us that an invasion attempt is likely, and that airborne troops would play a big part in one. Many of them might, he said, be landed by glider.

For dealing with such probabilities it is obvious that the intensified activities of the civil defence forces are of the utmost value. A nation that goes to ground in heavy raids is clearly more easily surprised by airborne troops than one which is out and about looking for trouble.

The New Bomb

The other side of the picture, the mounting British air offensive, is of equal importance. During the week it has been officially announced that a new type of bombs has been used by the Royal Air Force on targets in Germany. It is said to be far more effective than earlier types.

Readers will not expect to hear any details of this bomb in these columns. The most general comments might prove of value to the enemy. No technical information about it has been officially accorded, and we must be content for the moment with the vague and purely figurative remark that its explosive effect is "five times" that of other types.

Bomb design, however, lends scope for a great deal of work. From the external shape, which may be deliberately adjusted to afford a high air drag so as to prevent the bomb from attaining

too great a velocity — as in the case of small incendiary bombs — to the explosive filler and the fuse, there is endless opportunity for design ingenuity.

Heavier Loads

Our armament experts have obviously been successful in making a fairly large advance in this field. The wider consequence is that our air offensive against Germany will be augmented in three separate directions, by the increased load-carrying capacity of the new bombers, such as the Stirling, the Manchester and Halifax; by the large bomber force which is now becoming available, and by the increased destructive power of the bombs themselves.

The Stirling can carry a heavy load of bombs. The American Consolidated Liberator is said in the American papers to carry more than four tons of bombs, and they say that this machine has, in addition to this, excellent weight-lifting power, the high top speed of more than 330 miles an hour.

The bomb load of these machines varies inversely with the range at which they are operating, because of the fuel requirements. For attacks on places as near as the enemy's base at Brest the bomb load would be much greater than for attacks on places as far distant as Berlin. This must be borne in mind when comparing enemy raids with our own.

A Comparison

A study of German bomb loads and operational strength appears in "The Engineer." In it German statements are analysed, and it is concluded that during a period of 140 days of intensive raiding forty tons of bombs were dropped in eight raids per day. It is argued that this would mean — with the aircraft then in use, some of which were fighter-bombers — an average of forty aircraft per raid. In some of the concentrated raids 700 tons of bombs were sometimes said to have been taken, and this would mean some 500 bombing aircraft.

These considerations show how great is the advantage conferred upon the Royal Air Force Bomber Command by the turning out in quantity by our factories and by those of the United States of the new and bigger bombers. By reducing the number of aeroplanes needed for a given weight of attack, they ease the operational and traffic control problems.

Another point also emerges. The hard hitting of our fighters, with their batteries of eight machine-guns, caused the Germans to fit their aeroplanes with an increasing weight of protective armour. This had the effect of diminishing their bomb load.

DODGED FIRE WATCH: FINED

Sophocles Zisirus, employed as a waiter in the restaurant of Staggs and Russell's, Leicester Square, failed to carry out fire-prevention duties allotted to him and was prosecuted at Bow Street and convicted and fined £5.

WEST END VICAR CLEARED

The Rev. Ernest Robert d'Arcy Hutton, 31, vicar of the Church of the Annunciation, Bryanston Street, W., was found not guilty, at the Old Bailey of committing an improper act with a boy of 17 at his Hyde Park Mansions flat.

FRANCE NEEDS CATS

Commenting on an anti-rat campaign which is being waged in France, the Paris correspondent of the Madrid Catholic organ Ya points out that in the long run the most efficient and cheapest enemy of the rat is the cat. He added that he had not the "slightest objection to declaring that stewed cat is eaten on a large scale in Paris and neighbourhood."

DEAD HERO HUNTED AS 'DESERTER'

Months after her A.F.S. husband had been buried in a hero's grave, a widow received his calling-up papers from the Ministry of Labour.

He had been actually sought as a deserter.

James Dunkerley Spalding, 31, was one of five members of the Oldham A.F.S. killed fighting fires in the Manchester blitz and was buried with four others at a public funeral in Oldham on December 28 last.

"I at once gave up my husband's ration and identification cards," Mrs. Spalding, of Ethel Street, Oldham, told the "Daily Mirror."

"Yet on February 19 I received his calling-up papers. I told the authorities that a mistake had been made, but on March 27 the papers came again."

Detective's Errand

"This week a detective came into the street saying that he was looking for my husband as a deserter."

"Neighbours told him of the terrible mistake that had been made and he did not come to the house."

"The calling-up papers I have given to the chief of the A.F.S., who is taking the matter up."

Spalding left two children, 5 years and 13 months.

'PLANE HIT, GOT REVENGE

His bomber hit by A.A. fire while on a raid over occupied Holland, a British pilot determined to do as much damage as he could.

Both wings of the machine were damaged.

Determined to fight to the last, the pilot came down very low and gave his gunners a chance to fire at the gun which had hit their plane.

They saw the gun crew fall.

The gun was silenced.

Then a stick of bombs was dropped on a line of barges.

The pilot turned his plane in the direction of England and reached home.

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R.S.M.'S STORY OF ROBBERY BY A MAJOR

ALLEGATIONS THAT AN Army major had assaulted him, seized hold of him by the throat as he lay on the floor and extracted £2 from his wallet were made by a former regimental quarter-master-sergeant at a general court-martial held at Leeds.

The witness stated this after confessing he had shared in the proceeds of an alleged fraud with the major.

The case was that in which Major John Vernon Gibson, 47, Duke of Wellington's Regiment, commanding officer of a technical training group, appeared to answer to forty-six charges, including conspiracy, embezzlement, forgery and uttering forged documents, the amount involved being about £400.

"Twisting All Round"

In calling for Regimental Quartermaster-Sergeant H. B. Wright to give evidence, Captain M. H. Rogers, prosecuting, said: "He has already been dealt with for his connection with these crimes."

Wright described alleged frauds committed in connection with travelling expenses of members of the training group, and also relating to a deduction of 18 months from the men's pay for barracks damages and amenities.

Wright said that the profit from these frauds went regularly into Major Gibson's pocket, and that in August last he told Gibson that members of the staff were complaining about the monthly deduction from their pay and saying they did not benefit.

Major Gibson said Wright became angry but promised to hand him a third share of the profit derived from fraud for the staff. He only handed over a quarter of the August profits.

"I pointed out to him," said Wright, "that he was not sharing according to his promise and that now he was even twisting all the way round. The major was very annoyed with me."

"Chased Round Desk"

Wright said that on another occasion, out of about £100 profit he himself retained £33 10s. 6d. for himself and the staff.

When he handed over the balance of £67 10s. to the major, Gibson said he wanted all the money.

"Major Gibson then assaulted me," continued Wright. "He rose from his desk and cut off my retreat for the door. He chased me round the desk two or three times."

"I caught my knee against a chair and fell to the floor. The major then got on top of me and took me by the throat. There was a struggle. I had the wind up."

Captain Rogers: How did you get away?

Wright: I think he realised he had done something very drastic. He took my wallet out of my pocket. There was only £2 in it. He took it and threw away the wallet."

SENTENCE IN ABSENTIA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] JEAN CLAUDE, FRENCH SAILOR OF THE GUNBOAT "FRANCIS GARNIER," STATIONED IN SHANGHAI, WAS TRIED BY THE MARITIME TRIBUNAL IN INDO-CHINA AND SENTENCED IN ABSENTIA TO 15 YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE. IT IS LEARNED IN SHANGHAI.

Claude was the first sailor to desert the "Francis Garnier" when the leader of the Free French movement in Shanghai, Roderic Egal, was arrested. International News Service.

TASK OF CAPTAIN LYTTLETON

Asked in the Commons for information about the appointment of Capt. Oliver Lyttleton to the Middle East, the Prime Minister said:

"The principal task of the Minister of State, Middle East, would be firstly to facilitate the conduct of operations by the Commanders-in-Chief by relieving them as far as possible of a number of extraneous responsibilities with which they hitherto have been burdened and secondly to settle promptly matters within the policy of government but which involve several home departments or local authorities."

Appointment of the Minister will not interfere with existing relationships between the Commanders-in-Chief and Service Ministers or between the British Ambassador in Cairo and other representatives of Government in the Middle East and the Ministers in Britain to whom they are responsible.

The Minister of State, Mr. Churchill said, would make reference home whenever necessary on important issues of policy but it was hoped that the presence of a War Cabinet Minister with wide discretionary powers would smooth, hasten and concert action in the Middle East between various authorities in the area.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Churchill said the Minister of State had authority in matters not concerned with the conduct of operations but that authority was derived from his position as member of the War Cabinet and would no doubt be exercised in harmony with fundamental principle.

Asked what would be the relations of the Minister of State with the Dominions representatives on the spot, Mr. Churchill replied: "Relations will be of close contact and of continual courtesy and goodwill."—British Wireless.

M.P.'S APOLOGY TO THE ASTORS

Mr. Leach (Soc., Bradford Central), in Parliament made a personal apology to the Astor family for a statement he made about the Astor gardens at Cliveden.

This statement, he said, was based on the Press interview given by the head gardener, Mr. Young, who was reported to have said there were fifteen gardeners under him, and they did not intend to grow for the country.

Mr. Leach said a question he addressed to the Minister of Agriculture did not go beyond any of the statements in the interview.

Bid For Peace In Peru

The United States, Argentina and Brazil have asked Peru and Ecuador to establish a No-Man's Land on both sides of the line known as the status quo line in the territory disputed by the two nations.

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, at his press conference in Washington yesterday, announced that after the envoys of the three nations had made the foregoing recommendation to Peru and Ecuador, the three Governments had also informed the Governments of all other American republics and asked them to give support towards ending the conflict.

Under the proposal the Governments of Peru and Ecuador would withdraw their military forces 15 kilometres from each side of the "line of status quo," establishing a neutral zone 30 kilometres in depth between now and the armistice.

Both were also requested to prevent their planes passing over the neutral zone.

Mr. Welles made it clear that this measure was purely temporary. — Reuters.

"Feverish" Activity

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The Ecuadorian High Command has reported "feverish" Peruvian military activity across the border from Ecuador, adding, however, "no further incidents along the frontier have occurred."—International News Service.

ONLY ONE ARM BUT HE DODGED THE NAZIS

A British officer who lost an arm and was taken prisoner at Dunkirk has escaped from his Nazi captors.

This was revealed by the announcement that Lieutenant J. M. Langley, M.C., has been awarded the O.B.E. Lieutenant Langley is the son of Mr. F. O. Langley, magistrate at Old Street Police Court.

He won his M.C. during the rearguard action fought by the Coldstream Guards on the banks of the Yser Canal during the Dunkirk evacuation.

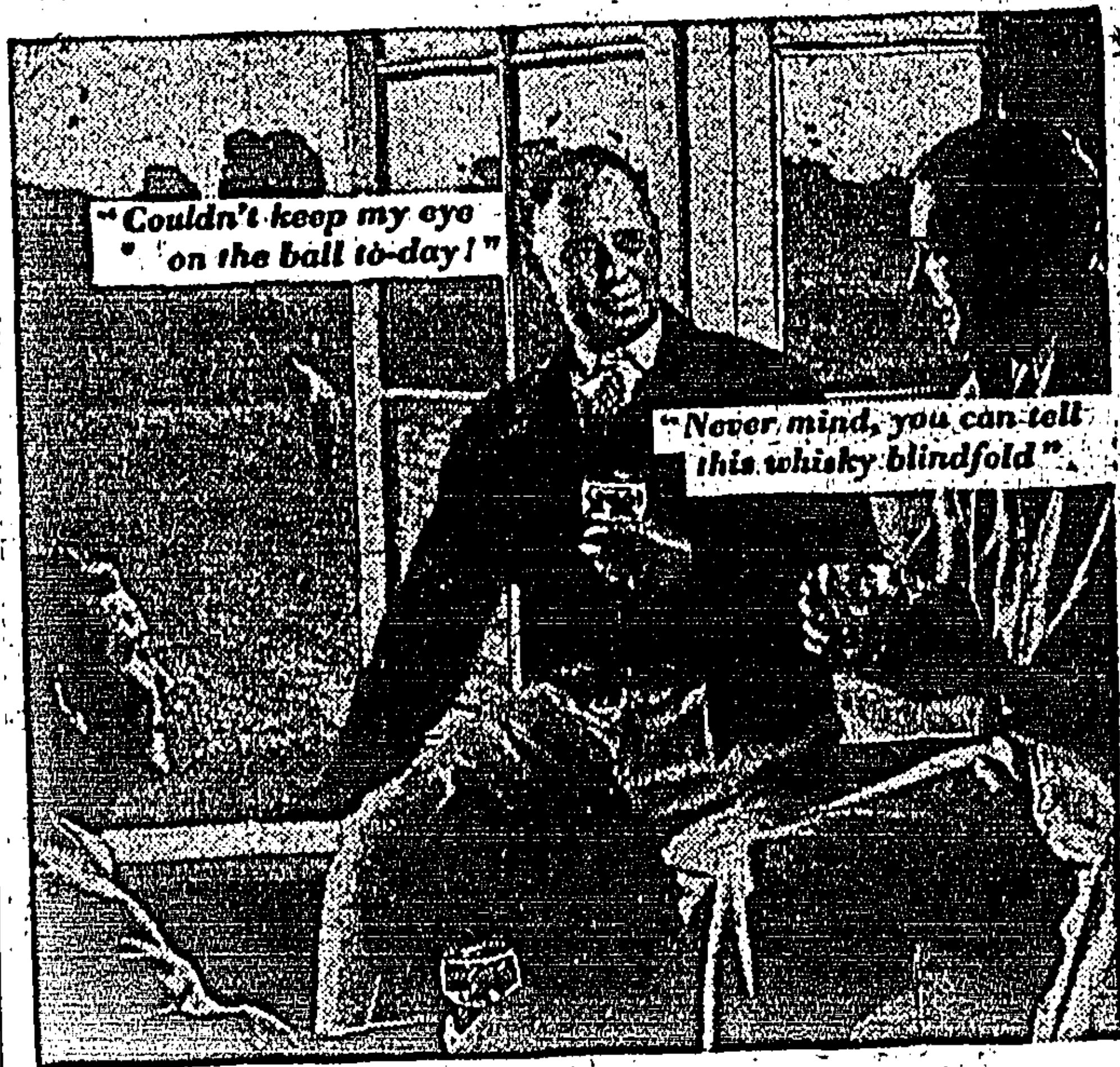
While he was operating a Bren gun from a Belgian cottage, a shell burst and wounded him. Only the immediate amputation of his left arm could save his life, and this was done.

Lieutenant Langley was unable to wade through the water to the waiting ships off Dunkirk and had to be left at a casualty station with other wounded men. With them he was captured by the Germans.

COLONIAL EXPORT SURPLUSES

Arrangements have been made to help colonial dependencies in disposal of export surpluses arising from loss of markets and shipping difficulties.

The Colonial Under-Secretary, making this statement in the Commons, added these had been framed in the light of general principles governing similar arrangements with his majesty's Governments in Australia and New Zealand, though not exactly in the same form. — Reuters.



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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements				Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
			N.	S.	E.	W.			
1	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2965	Junction of Un Chau Street and Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 18,360	\$252
									\$11,016

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,102.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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			N.	S.	E.	W.			
2	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4311.	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road & Mok Cheung Street, Ma Tau Chung.	ft.	ft.	ft.	ft.	As per sale plan	About 14,880	\$170
									\$11,160

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,116.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

BRIDGE NOTES

TURNABOUT

By The Four Aces

Turnabout it fair play, according to the old adage; and in today's hand we see West using, as a defender, a weapon usually employed by the Declarer:

North, Dealer
East-West vulnerable

NORTH
♠ 10 5
♥ A 10 8 5 2
♦ Q 7
♣ A K 8 3

WEST

♠ K Q J 3
♥ K J
♦ K 8 2
♣ J 9 5 2

EAST

♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ Q 9 6 4
♦ 6 5
♣ Q 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A 8 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A J 10 9 4 3
♣ 10 6

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

South's contract was ambitious, it must be admitted, but it would have been fulfilled if the diamond

King had been located in the East hand or if the defence had made a not improbable mistake.

West opened the King of spades, East playing the encouraging seven, and South won at once with the spade Ace. A holdup of the spade Ace, South reasoned, was pointless since the contract hinged on the diamond finesse. If it succeeded, no spade holdup was necessary; if the finesse failed, West would gain the lead to run his spades in spite of any holdup by South.

Declarer next led a club to dummy's King and returned the Queen of diamonds for a finesse. It was at this point that West decided turnabout was fair play. He simply refused to win the first diamond trick with his King.

The play was simple enough but the effect was devastating. Declarer led another diamond from the dummy, finessing again (for West had refused the trick without telltale hesitation). West accepted the trick this time—and South was unable ever again to get back to his own hand. Good management enabled him to win six tricks—but it's a pretty sad business when you have to play carefully to be set only three tricks!

Note particularly that South would have made his contract if West had taken the first diamond trick. The defence could take three spades and the diamond King, but South would make game with five diamonds, three side Aces, and the club King.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 9 8

♥ K 10 4

♦ K 5

♣ J 9 8 7

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid one spade. The hearts are not strong enough for a double raise, the hand is not quite strong enough for a jump to two no-trump, and there is no good reason to suppress the spades in any event.

Score 100% for one spade, 30% for two no-trump, 20% for either two or three hearts.

Question No. 764

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CRASH KILLS B.A.F. MEN

Flying Officer Ralph Scott, born at Doncaster, and Leading Aircraftman John Rogers Talbot Cox, a Middlesex man, were killed when a Harvard training plane crashed near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

BRITISH SOLDIERS

ESCAPED BY 1,200 MILE HIKE

TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS, captured in Northern France, lay in a ditch a few miles beyond an East Prussian prison camp and plotted by the stars a course to liberty. Then they shook hands and went stealthily into the night.

Weeks afterwards they shook hands again, two men who had dared all—and won through.

Their escape, revealed in the House of Commons, had taken them nearly 1,200 miles, from Prussia into Poland, into Hungary, Czechoslovakia, into Yugoslavia, into Greece, and so to safety.

All the time as they travelled southwards a great silence was round them, for the Foreign Secretary told M.P.s they could not speak one word of the language of any of the countries through which they passed.

The sun and the stars alone had any message for them, and that message kept them going.

Imagine their hardships as warm days and nights of autumn went and the mists and snowstorms came.

Every Day Harder

Every day for two wearied men the journey was harder; some days they must have made only a few miles, sometimes, no doubt, they crept under the tarpaulins of goods trucks and waited for the wheels to start up their staccato freedom song.

They "won" their food where they could as they went through war-torn, starving Poland; through Yugoslavia still held undecided by the dictates of her Regent Prince. They drank from streams; they snatched sleep, but they never knew rest.

Mile after mile, and every one of them hard-won. At the end of 1,200 miles, they were in Athens. So two men gained freedom. Now they are again fighting on its side.

They have rejoined their units in the Western Desert.

"NONCONFORMISTS IN ARMY PERSECUTED"

A soldier who asked a sergeant if he might attend service was told there were more important things than religion, declared the Rev. W. Toole, at the Birmingham Methodist Synod. The President of the Methodist Church (Dr. Henry Bett) said there was something like persecution on Nonconformists. They were put on fatigue while Anglicans were allowed to go to church.

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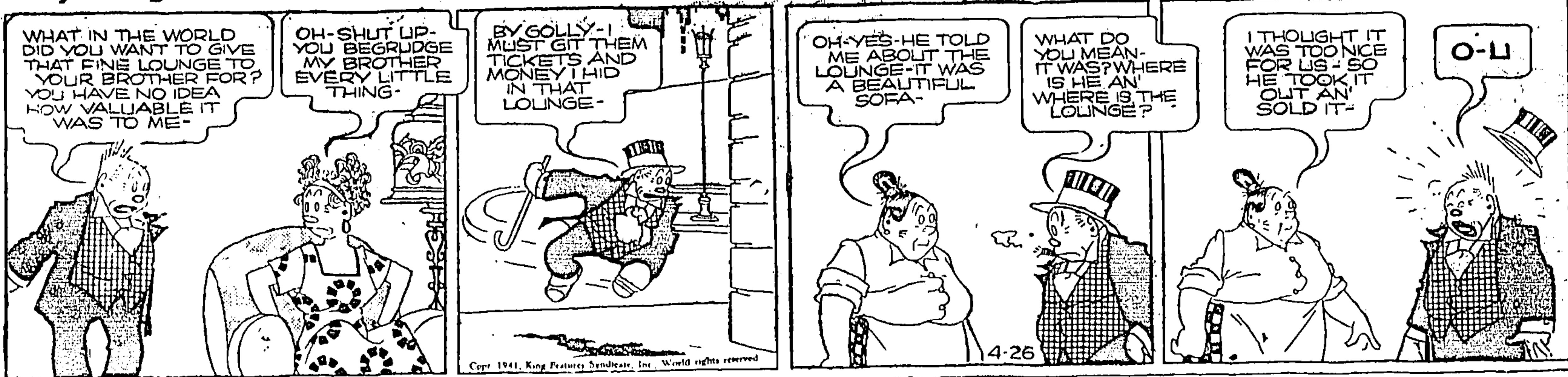
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Hong Kong, 8th July, 1940.

By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

If Ears Stick Out, Paste Them Back This Way

Mother, of children, and many grown girls, write and ask me how they can train their ears to be flat.

Some doctors advocate little scientific caps for young children, which keep the ears pressed back while they sleep. But the efficacy of this treatment has been questioned - it may work while the ear is still soft when the child is very young.

But there is one sure way for grown girls to keep their ears from sticking out and spoiling their beauty, and it is so simple that I wonder all of us have not thought about doing it before. One of those Hollywood wizards told me about it.

You buy some liquid adhesive in a drug store. Squeeze out some and put it in back of the upper part of the ear. Press back the ear on it and do the same on the other side. Then wind a fishnet cap, or a headache band tightly around your head and leave it on for ten or fifteen minutes until the adhesive is dry. Your ears will stay in place until night time, when you roll off the adhesive with your fingers. It rolls off like a thick gum.

Do be careful to keep it on your ear and not get it into your hair-for it will pull out the hair.

So those of you who have an ear problem can now wear your hair combed high without being sensitive about your beauty! It's

a grand beauty trick to pass on to another friend who has the same problem and maybe there are a couple of men who would like to know about it!



A Cape Cod fishnet hair band is wonderfully cool for summer when you roll up your ends on curlers or pins. It is also handy to use when you give your skin a facial.

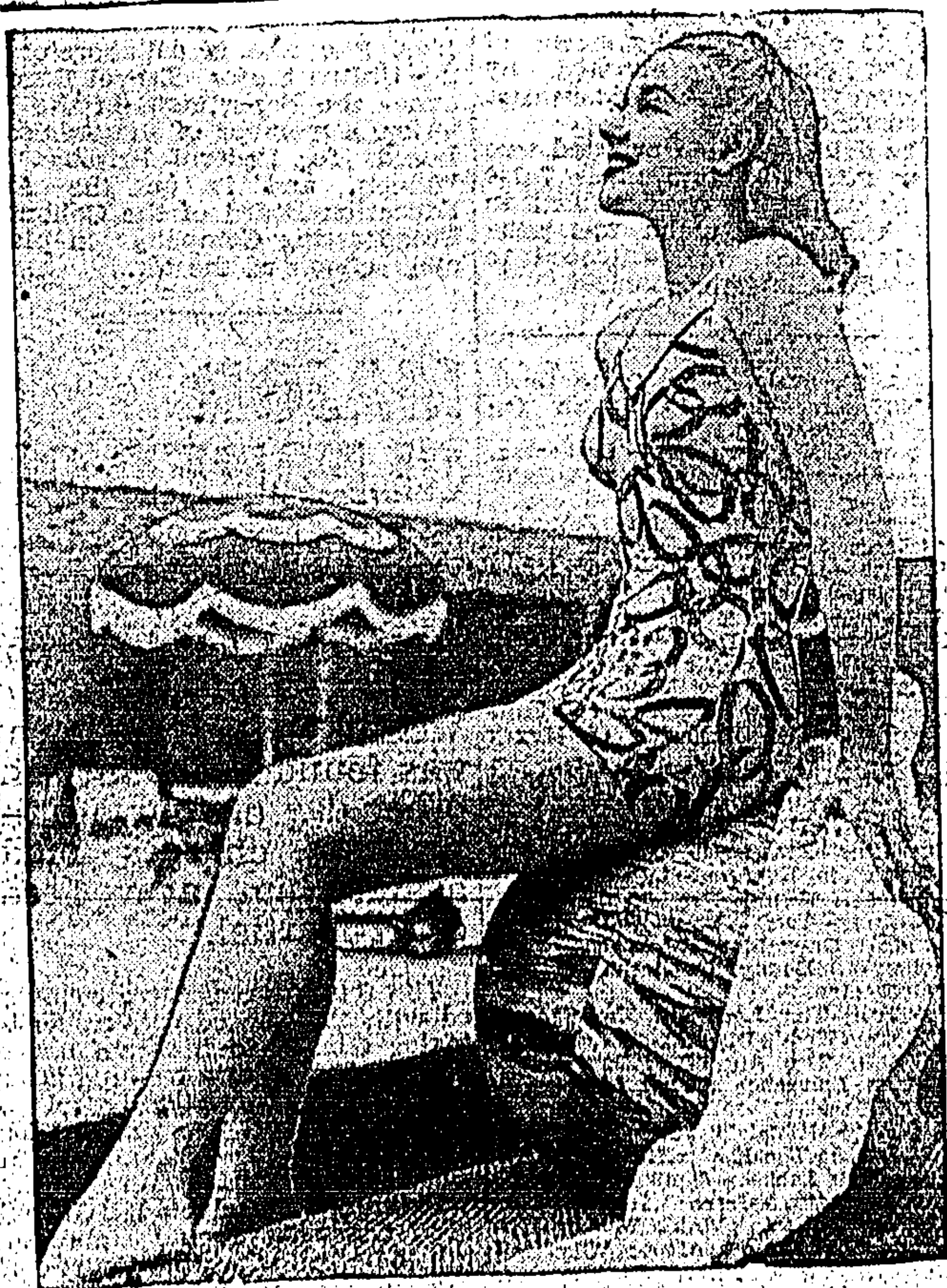
Suggestion For Triple Beauty Treatment

When your energy is lower than usual, the day hot and you need to pep up your appearance in a jiffy you might give yourself a three-in-one beauty treatment which will add to your beauty considerably.

Brush your hair well. Roll up the ends on curlers or pins after dampening them slightly with a quick-set lotion diluted in water.

If you must paste back your ears, do so as instructed above. Wrap your head in a fishnet cap and proceed to cleanse your face with cream. Then wash it well with warm water (not soap this time) and apply one of those film-like masques which take only fifteen or twenty minutes to whip up your skin circulation and bring freshness to your face.

Then wash your hands (literally) with a good lotion and slip them into a pair of gloves. When thus anointed lie down on your bed with your feet higher than your head-you know the beauty angle posture. Your head lower than your waistline, and your waistline lower than your feet. Forget about the world for fifteen minutes and you will be surprised with the beauty who steps out from under the tepid shower which should follow the little doze!



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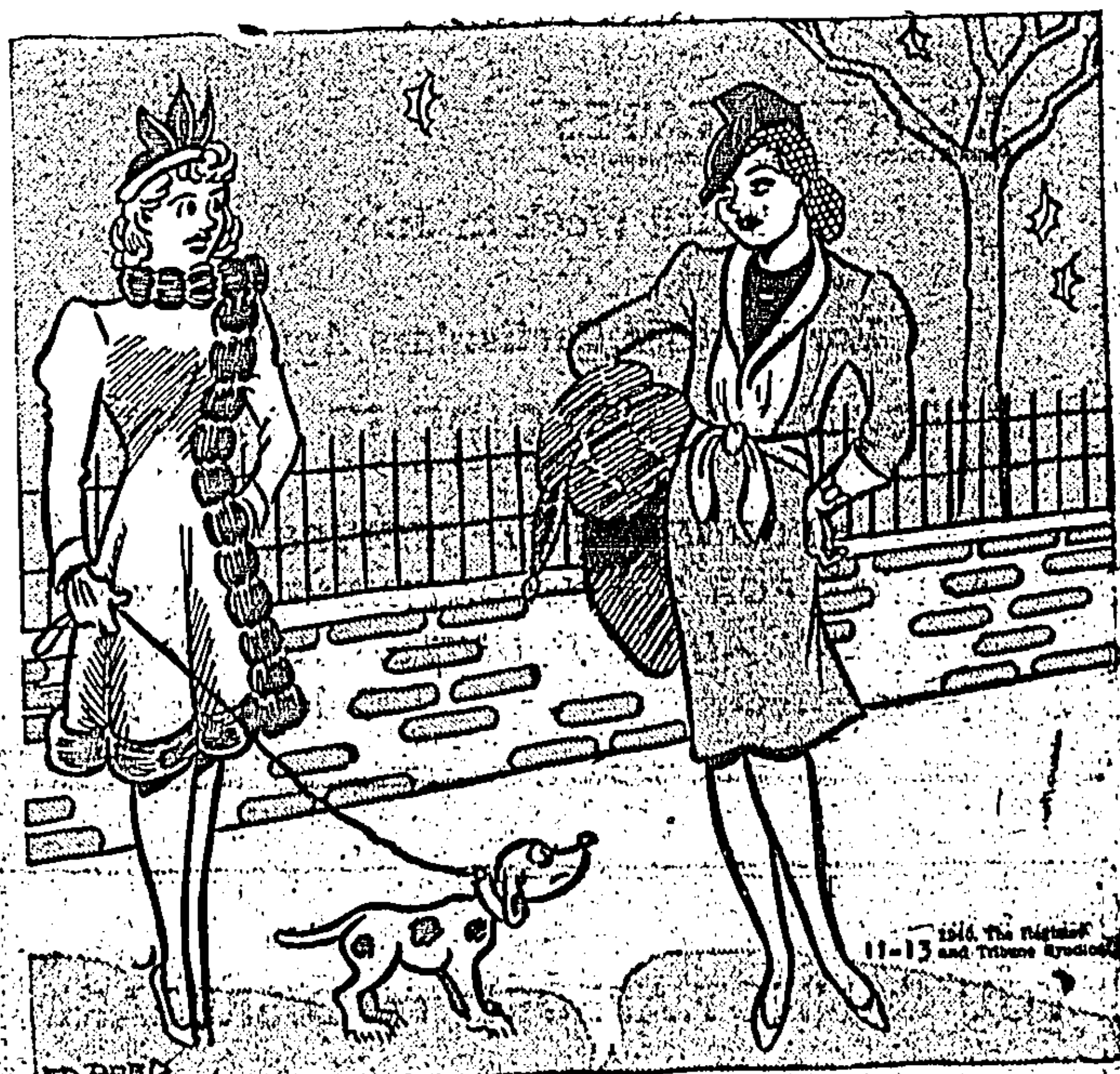
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"La Traviata"—Drinking Song and Gypsy Chorus... Creator's Band; Far from Paris, My Darling; One day A Love Ethereal... Beniamino Gigli (Tenor) and Maria Caniglia (Soprano) with Orchestra.
"Aida"—Grand March... Boston Promenade Orchestra cond. by Arthur Fiedler.
"Un Ballo in Maschera"—Plucked from its Arid Stem; I Die, Yet First Implore Thee... Gina Cigna (Sop.) with Orchestra.
"Rigoletto"—The One Is As Fair As The Other... Tito Schipa (Tenor) with Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Programme Summary.

1.02 p.m.—Maurice Winnick and His Orchestra and Banjo Solos.
Fox-Trots—Moonburn (from 'Anything Goes'); A Couple of April Fools... Maurice Winnick & his Orchestra.
Joy Dance (Kirby); La Vivandiere (Kirby)... Ernest Jones (Banjo) with Piano accomp.
Fox-Trots—Across the Great Divide; My heart's in old Killarney... Maurice Winnick & his Orchestra.
Hal Hal (Morgan)... Fred Morgan's Banjo Rhythmic.
Waltz—Who's Taking You Home Tonight?; Fox-Trot—My Capri Serenade... Maurice Winnick & his Orch.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter & Rugby Press and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Norman Allin (Bass) and Debroy Somers Band.
"Fanfare"—Selection... Debroy Somers Band.
Father O'Flynn (Graves); Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep (Willard & Knight)... Norman Allin (Bass) with Orchestra.
Ballroom Memories—Waltzes—Intro: The Skaters; The Choristers; The Cuckoo; After the Ball; Invitation to the Waltz; Destiny; Merry Widow; Three O'Clock in the Morning... Debroy Somers Band.
Edward (Corder & Loewe)... Norman Allin (Bass) with Piano.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Indian Programme.

6.45 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.47 p.m.—Brahms—Variations on a Theme by Paganini, Op. 35.
Egon Petri (Piano).

7.06 p.m.—Ella Schumann (Soprano) and Joseph Szigeti (Violin).
Das Madchen Spricht, Op. 107, No. 3; Ständchen, Op. 106, No. 1 (Brahms)... Ella Schumann (Soprano) with Piano.
Nigun (Improvisation from 'Baal Shem')... Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano accomp.
Caprice Viennoise (Kreisler)... Ella Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Adagio in E (Tartini—arr. Ondricek)... Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano.

Vogel Lied, Op. 41, No. 4 (Weingartner)... Ella Schumann (Sop.) with Orchestra.
Rondo (from 'Sonata in D Major'—Schubert)... Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano accomp.

7.30 p.m.—Orchestre Raymonde and Georges Thill (Tenor).
Tritsch, Tratsch—Polka (J. Strauss); The Grand Duchess—Galop (Offenbach)... Orchestre Raymonde.
Ouvre Ton Coeur (Spanish Serenade—Bizet); Nuit D'Espagne (from 'Scenes Pittoresques'—Massenet)... Georges Thill (Tenor) with Piano.

A Musical Snuff Box (Lidow); Parade of the City Guards (Jessel)... Orchestre Raymonde.
Fortunio (Messager)... Georges Thill with Orchestra.
Poupee Valsante (Feldini); The Dancing Clock (Ewing)... Orchestre Raymonde.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—'Listening Post'. Examination of Points in Daily German & Italian Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—The Bohemians and Hildegarde (Vocal).
Summer Breezes (King); Daddy Long Legs (Wright)... The Bohemians.
A Room With A View (from 'This Year of Grace'); I'll See You Again (from 'Bliss Sweet')... Hildegarde (Vocal) with Orchestra.
My Dream—Waltz (Waldteufel); Moss Rose—Waltz (Bosc)... The Bohemians with Vocal Effects.
The Glory of Love (Billy Hill)... Hildegarde (Vocal) with Carrol Gibbons & his Boy Friends.
A Day in Tyrol (Romer & Faun); Swing Me Up Higher (A. Fair Ground Fantasy—Mackeben)... The Bohemians.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Songs Without Words.
Sadness of Soul (F. major, Op. 73, No. 4); Lost Illusion (F. sharp minor, Op. 67, No. 2); Venetian Gondola Song No. 2 (F. sharp minor, Op. 39, No. 6); Lost Happiness (C minor, Op. 39, No. 2)... Ignaz Friedman (Piano).

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Danube Legends (Julius Fuchs, Op. 233); Court Ball—Dances—Waltz (Lanner, Op. 161)... Orchestre Mascotto.
My Darling Waltz ('The Clippy Baron')

300 CLAIM "BOMB DAMAGE" FOR ONE HOUSE

HUNDREDS OF BOGUS claims for immediate assistance by men and women who declare they have lost all their possessions through enemy raids have been made to the Public Assistance Boards in London and the provinces.

Although in most cases the sum claimed varies from £5 to £10, some claims have amounted to as much as £100.

Following a recent bombing in South-East London, a man filed a claim of £63 for loss of personal effects, asking if he might have an immediate advance of a few pounds to buy new clothing.

He gave his address as a house in a poor street which had been destroyed by bombing and fire. All the people who had lived there had been evacuated.

Similar Claims

Asked for his identity card, he said it had been destroyed in the fire.

The man was given a small sum of money pending investigation. It was afterwards found that the same man had filed exactly similar claims at four other assistance board offices in different parts of London, each time using a different address.

In another case a husband and wife made claims; the husband filed his in London and the wife her's in a provincial town to which she had been evacuated. Inquiries showed that the man and woman had never lived at the address which had been bombed.

One of the most barefaced claims was made in a severely bombed Midland town. No fewer than 300 claims for assistance were filed by different people who said they had lost all their possessions in a boarding house.

It was a large establishment, but at the time of the bombing there were only twenty-two residents.

Forged identity cards are being used to substantiate bogus claims.

Forged Card

Scotland Yard detectives who raided a house in South-East London found a large number of blank identity cards and a stamp printing outfit.

Using a forged identity card, a man was given £50 when he claimed to have lost his possessions through enemy action. He was arrested before the cheque could be cashed, and it was proved that he never lived at the address which had been bombed.

An unemployed pastrycook who tried to obtain £90 by means of a false claim was arrested by detectives at a Public Assistance Board office.

The detectives had arrested two other men who had made false claims when the cook walked in to ask how his claim was progressing. He was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment.

—J. Strauss)... State Opera, Orch.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Louis Levy & His Orchestra.

"Sweethearts"—Selection (Wright, Herbert & Others).

"Everybody Sing"—Film Selection (Kaper & Jurmann).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.

Fox-Trots—Some Day, My Prince Will Come; White, White, You Work (Both from 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs') (Moray & Churchill)... The Orchestra of Merry Men.

Quickstep—Fall in and Fly (Noel Gay); Waltz—Easy Street (Gay & Butler)... Billy Cotton & his Band.

Fox-Trots—Playmates (Dowling); It's Funny to Everyone but Me (Lawrence); Harry Roy & his Orch.

Fox-Trots—Can't You Tell? (Goodman); Once More (Johnson—Bradshaw)... Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—The Lady on the Second Floor (Woods-Dixon); Quickstep—It's in the Air (Parr-Davies)... Brian Lawrence & his Landowne Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Mondoko Kate (Conner & Libonal); The King's Navee (Dunn)... Jack Jackson & his Orchestra.

Tango Medley—Intro; Rosita; Jealousy; Julian; Waltz Medley—Intro; Always; All Alone; What'll I do (Irving Berlin)... Joe Loss & his Band.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Sir Dennis Bray on 'India'.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

PEACE NEEDS POLICE

Returning to Miami, her former home, after an absence of three years, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen Rohde, former United States Minister to Denmark and two-term Congresswoman from this district, declared in an interview that wars between nations will continue until world opinion forces the organisation of an international court with a sufficiently strong armed force to compel obedience to its rulings.

"We have done a lot of wishful thinking in regard to international strife, but that is not enough," Mrs. Rohde asserted. "All society stands back of a local court to make its rulings valid. So must we have the machinery to enforce international law."

To Achieve Peace

"Disarmament conferences disarmed nations, but did not arm the World Court as they should have done," she continued. "We have talked peace, but we haven't taught the people to know peace. We must teach them to achieve peace. It will not come of itself."

Among Mrs. Rohde's present activities is the Greenland Commission to which she was appointed by the Danish Minister, Henrik de Kauffmann, after Germany invaded Denmark in April, 1940. She also is collaborator of the United States Travel Bureau under the Department of the Interior, a member of the Advisory Board for Federal Prisons for Women, and is on the Ault Education Board of the Columbia Broadcasting Company in planning schools of the air.

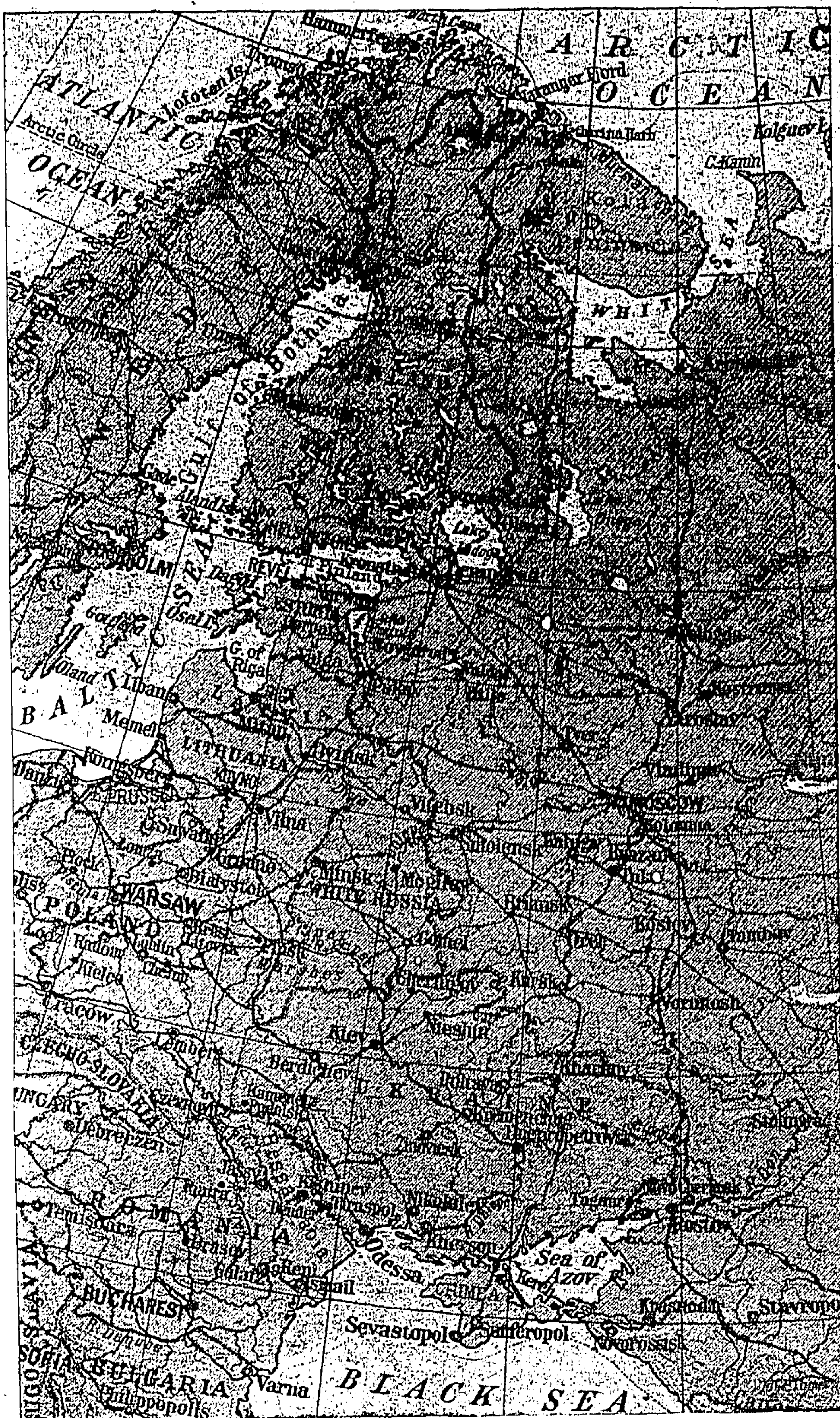
MAJOR CLEARED ON CHARGES

Major John Vernon Gibson, 47, of the Duke of Wellington's Regiment, was found not guilty the other day of four of the forty-six charges made against him at a Leeds court-martial.

The four charges were concerned with the alleged conversion by Major Gibson to his own use of £20 belonging to a training group and alleged fraudulently misapplying £10 and two sums of 13s. 4d. each.

Defence counsel said Gibson's good character should stand him in good stead when the Court considered the sentence.

The major had been in custody for five and a half months.



SIX DAYS ORDEAL IN OPEN BOAT

GREATEST REGRET of Miss Doreen Barr, of South Africa, who was among a party landed at a Scottish port, was that her wedding presents and trousseau were lost when the ship was torpedoed.

"It was terrible having to leave them," she told the "Daily Mirror," "but all I had time to grab were a few clothes. I was in bed when the ship was hit."

She was the only woman on board. For six days she was at sea in an open boat.

"The men did everything possible to make me comfortable," Miss Barr said. "There was food and water in the life-boat, but we did not realise at first that our meagre supplies would have to last six days."

"Water was strictly rationed. It did not quench our thirst and only moistened our mouths and throats."

"During the day we lived in the lifeboat under a scorching sun, and the cold nights were a terrible contrast."

Stroke Of Luck

"On a number of occasions we sighted land, but on approaching it, found that we were heading

for uninhabited islands.

"We had one stroke of luck when we sighted a native boat which came alongside, us and gave us a supply of water."

"A pilot was also put on board our boat to guide us to land."

"Coming near the coast we were often in peril from the reef barriers which seemed to rise out of the water. But the boat was magnificently handled, and we managed to avoid them all."

"Finally we did touch land." Miss Barr is now anxious to find her fiancé, with whom she has been out of touch for two months.

"My fiancé," she said, "does not know whether I am dead or alive, but I hope it will not be long until we are united and can go ahead with our wedding arrangements."

CAN'T GET IN OWN HOUSES

By a decision given by Judge Bensley Wells, K.C., at Southwark (London) County Court, landlords will be unable to get possession of their unoccupied houses unless the law is altered.

In order to enter houses left furnished since the blitz landlords have to serve notice to quit. As they do not know where the tenants are, they have pinned notices on the doors.

When summonses were heard for possession of houses the Judge said he considered it was the landlord's duty to produce evidence that notice had been brought to the knowledge of the tenant.

Judgment was given for the rent due, but the claims for possession were adjourned for proof of service of notice to quit.

A legal authority told the "Daily Mirror":

"It may be that the Courts will agree to accept some other form of serving notice to quit on evictee tenants, such as advertising the notice."

SAME RISK, BUT GOT LESS FOR IT

Working side by side through fire blitzes with regular firemen, doing the same jobs, running the same risks, A.F.S. men feel they deserve equal compensation. But they do not get it.

Auxiliary fireman Bush, of Charteris Road, Kilburn, worked with regular firemen in a London fire blitz. He and a regular fireman ran through a wall of flame. Wood blocks in the street were blazing. Their hands and faces were badly burned.

Together the men went to hospital. A.F.S. man Bush was given £3 10s. a week—his full pay—for three months and then discharged, although he was still in hospital. The regular fireman was given six months' full pay.

Protest By Union

Bush is now keeping his wife and child on 39s. a week public assistance, while his comrade is getting full pay.

"The Fire Brigades' Union has protested against this differential treatment," an official said. "All firemen should be given the same injury pay."

"There were five of us trapped by a falling wall," Bush told the "Daily Mirror." "We all got badly burned. I was in bed for nine weeks, and nearly lost the sight of one eye."

"The A.F.S. Benevolent Fund gave my wife £3 9s a week after my wages stopped."

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Following were the results of matches played in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament last evening:—

"A" POOL	
Y.M.C.A. 9	Small Units 1
Wilson (3).	Macdonald
May (2).	
C. Goldman (2).	
R. Goldman, Benn.	
ARMY POOL	
Navy "C" 5	Royal Scots "B" 0
Hulsh (4).	
Gardner	
5th A.A. Regt.	
R.A. 5	965th R.A. 1
Elblin (2).	Whittle (scored
Clarke.	into own goal).
MacAlister.	
Yabaley.	
Royal Scots "A" 7	8th R.A. 1
Hunter (2).	Chiu Kwok-wing.
Millar (2).	
Byrne, Jordan.	
Bennett.	

League Table To Date

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
Signals	12	12	0	0	63	8	24
Middlesex "A"	10	9	1	0	50	10	18
Y.M.C.A.	11	9	2	0	53	12	18
Combined Small							
Units	14	8	5	1	40	39	17
R. Navy "A"	11	8	3	0	46	24	16
R. Scots "A"	13	7	6	0	39	32	14
R. Regt. R.A.	10	6	3	2	27	30	12
8th. Regt. "C"	12	4	6	2	31	38	10
R. Navy "B"	8	3	5	0	18	25	6
Middlesex "B"	8	3	5	0	18	25	6
5th. A.A. Regt.							
R.A.	11	2	7	2	24	33	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	43	5
965th. Bty. R.A.	11	0	9	2	16	51	2
Royal Scots "B"	8	0	7	1	5	32	1
36th. Bty. R.A.	8	0	7	1	9	39	1

CHINA FIRE DIVIDEND

The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., announces that, subject to audit, the Directors will recommend the payment of a Dividend of \$12 per share and a Bonus Dividend of \$6 per share for the year ended December 31, 1940. The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at noon on July 25, 1941.

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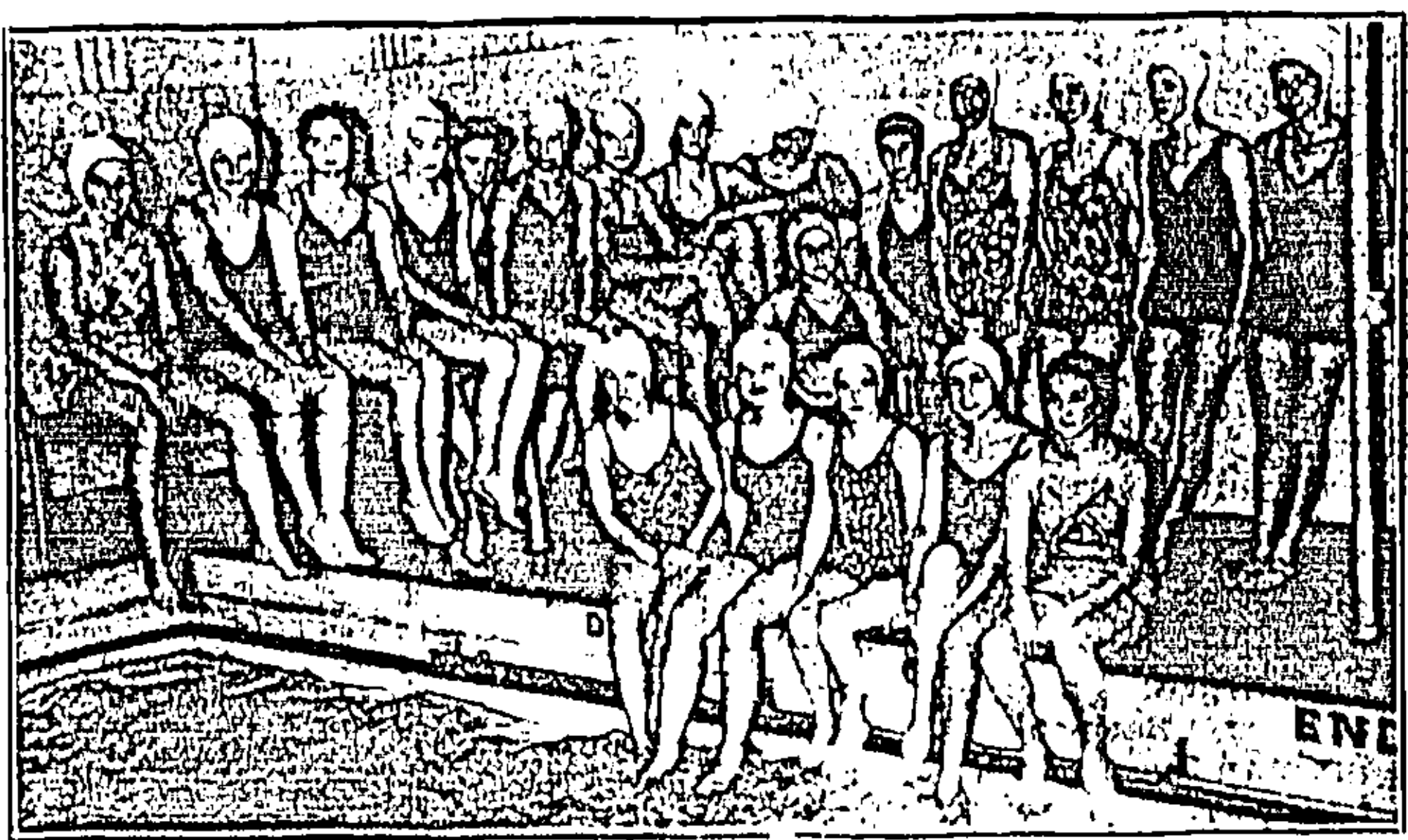
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D. BENSON, Manager.

TOURING FOOTBALL TEAMS TO REPORT FINANCES IN 28 DAYS

Warning To Clubs To Field Best Teams Always



Some of the A.N.S. and Nurring Section of H.K.V.D.C. swimmers who will be in opposition to one another at next Saturday's gala in the Army pool in aid of the Bomber Fund.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES APPROVED BY F.A.

Following were the additions or alterations to the Rules of Hong Kong Football Association passed at the Annual General Meeting yesterday.

"A Club having no playing grounds of its own and having made arrangements with another Club for the use of its ground shall notify the Association of such arrangement. Such ground shall be deemed the 'Home' ground of such Club for all League and Shield matches. The Council may reject the use of any ground for competitive matches if in its opinion the ground is not fit for use or does not comply with the requirements of the Laws of the Game."

Playing Season

"A playing season commences on the last Saturday in September in one year and ends on the first Sunday in May of the following year. The remainder of the year shall be known as the close season. The Council shall, however, have power to extend the periods of playing as from time to time, in their discretion, shall be deemed necessary."

Tours

"Any Club proposing to make a tour or tour out of the Colony shall obtain the sanction of the Association. All Clubs must submit a financial statement of such tour within 28 days of return subject to any extension by the Council."

"No Club shall invite the players of other Clubs to take part in any tour without the permission of clubs concerned, and clubs concerned shall notify the Association. Such permission shall not be necessary during the close season."

"Each Club shall play its full strength in all matches under the jurisdiction of this Association unless some satisfactory reason is given. In the event of the explanation not being satisfactory the offending club will be dealt with under Rule 53. Any Club proved to have been responsible for a late start in a match or field an incomplete team without sufficient reason shall be liable to be dealt with under Rule 53."

"Each member of the Council shall be furnished with an admission card (which shall not be transferable) and, except in the case of charity matches, all clubs affiliated to this Association shall admit the holder and two companions to their grounds and stands upon production of such admission card."

"Each referee or linesman affiliated to this Association whose name is duly

entered in the official list of active referees or linesmen of the Association shall be furnished with a referee or linesman's card (which shall not be transferable) and, except in the case of charity matches, all clubs affiliated to this Association shall admit the holder thereof to their grounds and stands upon production of such card."

Rules Of The League

"Each team in each division or section of a division shall play Home and Away matches with each other team in the same division or section of a division, and fixtures for each division or section of a division will be arranged by the Committee at a special meeting convened for that purpose. Notice of the meeting will be sent to the honorary secretaries of the clubs, who may attend if they desire. In a case where clubs have no grounds of their own and have made no arrangements with another club for the use of its ground, their matches shall be played on such grounds as may be determined by the Committee."

"Except with the consent of the Management Committee previously obtained, the maximum charge for admission to any match shall be \$2.00 excluding Entertainment Tax. (This rule also applies to Challenge Shield games.)"

"Referees or Linesmen appointed to officiate in matches where transportation charges to and from the field of play exceed the sum of fifty cents shall be paid the cost of such transportation in addition to their fees, such travelling expenses to be allowed shall be equivalent to first class bus and/or ferry fares, with a maximum sum of \$1.00."

Rules Of The Challenge Shield

"Except with the consent of the Council previously obtained, the maximum charge for admission to any match shall be \$2.00 excluding Entertainment Tax. All members and ticket holders must be charged for admission to the ground, enclosures and stands in all matches where gate receipt is charged. The 'home' club may, however, with the consent and concurrence of the visiting club issue complimentary tickets to its members provided that the equivalent admission fee is credited to the gross gate receipt."

"Scale of fees to be paid to referees shall be as follows:—In matches in the Senior Division, other than the semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$5.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$10.00 per match. In matches in the Junior Division, other than the semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$3.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$5.00 per match."

"Scale of fees to be paid to Linesmen appointed by the Association shall be as follows:—In matches in the Senior Division, other than the semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$3.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$5.00 per match. In matches in the Junior Division, other than the semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$3.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$5.00 per match."

Rules Of The "Sunday Herald" Cup Competition

Referees and linesmen fees are increased in the Lal Wah and Governor's Cup competitions while in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition, Referees and Linesmen, who have not been paid in past years, will be paid as provided by the following rule:—"Referees and linesmen will be appointed by the Referees' Subcommittee from the official list of Referees and they shall be paid as follows:—Referee \$10.00 and Linesman \$5.00 each per match. Referees and Linesmen may however be presented with souvenirs in lieu of their fees provided that the value of such souvenirs shall not exceed the sum they are entitled to receive."

Maximum Entrance Fee \$2 To League And Shield Matches

IMPORTANT ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS TO THE RULES OF THE HONG KONG FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION WERE ADOPTED AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD YESTERDAY AND PRESIDED OVER BY THE HON. MR. N. L. SMITH, PRESIDENT, WHO IN PROPOSING THE ADOPTION OF THE REPORTS AND ACCOUNTS SAID THAT THE ASSOCIATION HAD PASSED THROUGH A VERY SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Supporting the chairman were the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Commander M. C. Millett and Mr. W. Pryde (vice-presidents), Mr. Wong Ka-tsun (chairman) and C. A. Goldenberg (Hon. Secretary).

Other representatives present were W. E. Hollands (Eastern), J. C. Guimang (St. Joseph's), W. M. Glover (Royal Navy), Sze Po-wai (Eastern), Sgt. Whelan (Royal Engineers), H. K. Lee (Sing Tuo), T. G. Stokes (Police), E. L. Strange (Club), D. M. Mitchell (Royal Navy), Capt. Paterson (Royal Corps of Signals), Charles Yung (South China), R. Overy (Middlesex), Sgt. Matthews (Middlesex), Lieut. T. A. Pearce (5th R.A.), Sgt. Fergus (Royal Scots), L. A. Rocha (Kwong Wah), W. J. Brown (Kwong Wah), D. E. Santos (Shell Sports Club), Chang lu-chung (Shell Sports Club), J. Souza (St. Joseph's), J. Skinner (Club), J. McKelvie (Kowloon), Lee Wai-tong (South China) and Mok Hing (C.A.A.F.).

The report, which was comprehensive, stated that a profit of \$4,431.59 was made on the year's working and that Hong Kong lost the only Interport played last year, at Macao by one goal to nil. Gates showed a falling-off in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity cup competition this year—due to the fact China lost in the semi-final round—but the other charities benefitted considerably. Four games were necessary to decide the Governor's Cup competition.

Chairman's Speech

In his review of the year the chairman said:

"You will, I am sure, agree that the Annual Report which your Council has presented to you, showing a net profit of \$4,431.59 on last year's working, is highly satisfactory. The report is so comprehensive that I feel I need only say a few words."

"First of all, I wish to take the opportunity of congratulating all the successful Clubs."

"It is a matter of regret that, owing to the political situation, Shanghai Football Association was unable to accept our invitation to come to the Colony to participate in the annual Interport matches, but we all hope that it may be possible for them to visit us next year."

"The financial results of the charity matches have been fully set out in the report and I feel that the Association has every reason to be very proud of the fact that through the instrumentality of such matches the magnificent sum of \$20,274.84 was donated to charities."

"I would like to pay a sincere tribute to the work of the Officers of the Association and to the Council, and in particular to the members of the various committees. The report discloses the number of occasions on which the Council and the various committees met during the year. But, of course, we all know that these meetings represent but a fraction of the arduous work put in by them. They deserve our warm thanks for their unremitting labour and wholehearted devotion to the interests of the Association."

"I am also sure that you will join me in expressing our appreciation to our Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary for their services to the Association."

"Gentlemen, I have now much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts."

1941-42 Officials

Following officials were elected for the coming season:—President:—Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith, Vice-Presidents:—Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Col. L. A. Newham and Mr. W. Pryde, Chairman:—Mr. Wong Ka-tsun, Representative of Junior Clubs:—Mr. J. C. Guimang.

Regarding the proposed rule requiring clubs to submit a financial statement of tours within 14 days of their return, Mr. Hollands, of Eastern A.A., said that the time was too short, and he felt it was not possible for Clubs to make the required returns in that time. He proposed that it be amended to two months. Mr. Mok Hing, of Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, supported this and added that, from his experience with touring teams, many games were played on the eve of the departure of the team and the accounts could not be made up in that time.

Mr. Brown, of Kwong Wah, said that he was willing to allow longer time, but felt that two months was too long and that the matter might be overlooked by the Council if the returns were not sent in sooner.

It was finally agreed that 28 days was the time limit to be given clubs, subject to any extension the Council decided upon.

Full Strength

The question of a club having to play its full strength occupied some time.

Lieut.-Commander G. S. Hughes-Jones, representing Royal Navy, said that the rule would make the Council the judge of what was the full strength of a club.

Mr. Mok Hing maintained that all the players were amateurs and could play when they liked.

Mr. J. McKelvie, of Kowloon Football Club, said that a club might not like its internal affairs made public.

It was pointed out that any club so concerned would have to give an explanation if called upon, and on this understanding the rule was adopted.

Clubs fielding incomplete teams or arriving late without sufficient reason are also to be dealt with.

Maximum Charge

Regarding the maximum amount of \$1.00 to be charged at League and Shield games as suggested, Mr. J. Skinner, of Hong Kong Club, said that the price of erection of the stands has increased considerably and proposed that the maximum be \$2.00.

Capt. Paterson, of Royal Signals, pointed out that this would be a burden on those Service men who follow soccer regularly and who would then have to pay \$2.00 to see a game only slightly better than the usual match.

After some discussion it was decided that \$2.00 would be the maximum amount to be charged at these games, but that Clubs would be requested to grant a concession in prices to Servicemen.

All the other proposed rules were adopted after very minor amendments.

Linesmen

Sgt. Whelan, Royal Engineers, asked that the incoming Council consider the advisability of appointing linesmen for important Junior games.

The president, in reply, said that the Council would do so if the clubs made the application within reasonable time.

Mr. McKelvie spoke on the matter of clubs which had no grounds of their own, approaching other clubs and bargaining for terms.

He said that there was one occasion when four senior teams were playing on the same ground and it was very hard for the committee to fix a home ground. He suggested that a meeting of the clubs concerned be called to discuss the matter and the basis on which they could acquire a ground.

Mr. Smith said that it was a good proposal and asked Mr. McKelvie to put it in writing to the League Management Committee.

Mr. H. K. Lee, at the end of the meeting, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chair. He said that he would like, on behalf of the other clubs to convey to Mr. Lo their congratulations on the award of the C.B.E., by His Majesty the King.

MASCAVAGE TAKES BATTING HONOURS

By "Grandstand"

FEATURING MINDANAO MACE MAULING HIND-SNATCHER TONY MASCAVAGE'S TWO CLOTHES-LINE BLOWS TO CENTRE-FIELD, WHICH WENT FOR FOUR BASES EACH, MINDANAOANS TRAMPLED OVER HONG KONG BASEBALLERS 14 TO 5 IN YESTERDAY'S TWILIGHT BASEBALL TILT.

Minnies drew first blood in the initial frame when Earl Wilson dented the counting station, and added a cluster of six markers in the second frame. Mohawks broke the ice in the third semester when Waggoner, Schaberg and Johnson romped home on five safeties in one frame. "Doc" Molthen's double with ducks in the pond in the fourth canto added two more to the Mohawks' score column, but it was to no avail as Minnies chalked up splurges of three, one and three in the third, fourth and sixth innings to cinch the game.

3-In-3 Performance

Tony Mascavage garnered batting honours with a three-in-three performance at the platter, with two four-masters and a two-bagger, whilst both Lou Powlawski and "Doc" Molthen clouted two in four, the latter chasing in four of his mates with a pair of singles.

Mindanao's slabster, Henry Ruel, fanned five in three frames, whilst Powlawski, relieving Ruel for the rest of the tussle, whiffed four. Johnnie Schaberg, who went the route for Mohawks, accounted for four via the strike-out route, but issued three free tickets to first.

Table To Date

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	3	1	1.000
H.K. Brewers	4	1	.800
Chung Hwa	3	1	.750
U.S.S. Asheville	1	1	.500
Royal Engineers	2	3	.400
H.K. Baseballers	0	4	.000
South China	0	3	.000

DID YOU KNOW?

The big league bat must not be over two and three fourths inches in diameter at the thickest part, nor more than 42 inches in length.

Royal Scots are holding a swimming meet today at 7.30 p.m. in the Army pool. During the evening there will be a swimming exhibition by the men and ladies of Victoria Recreation Club.

Ciro's Skating Rink will entertain a team from Empress Skating Rink to a hockey game on skates on Saturday evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Following will represent the visitors:—H. E. Ecada Silva; Francisco Soares and Alex. Olsson; C. Rozario, Eric Olsson and J. Gomes. Reserves:—R. E. Russell and Peter Rozario.

Following will represent Trojans Basketball team, against Hong Kong Police at Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, at 4 p.m.:—Bill Silva, Henry Silva, Tony Silva, H. Osmund, Charlie Figueroa, B. Neves, D. Aquino, Ron Kwong-yim, Tack-Put-yung, and N. Boltrao.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:—

K.I.T.C. v. A.T.C.
C.R.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1)
P.O.R.C. (2) v. J.R.C.
C.C.C. v. F.C.
I.R.C. v. C.B.A.
C.R.C. v. W. C. Yue and K. C. Yue;
C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy; Yin Chan and C. Y. Tso.
J.R.C. v. A. R. Poltek and B. Godkin;
S. R. Ramler and M. Talan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell.
K.I.T.C. v. K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; U. H. Esmail and A. H. Mehal;
K. Singh and N. S. Singh.
C.B.A. v. B. I. Bleckford and D. Smith;
D. Tomashevsky and G. Gurevitch; M. Bull and D. Parsons.
C.C.C. v. K. M. Au and C. M. Lee;
Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung; P. C. Chan and P. C. Yu.
Filipino Club v. B. Poon and P. Poon;
F. Gonzales and W. Lee; T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza.

THIRD DIVISION
TENNIS RESULTS

At King's Park South China Athletic Association beat the hitherto unbeaten Army Tennis Club by 5½ sets to 3½.

K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong (S.C.A.A.) beat Emberson and Duffield 6-1
beat Webb and Denyer 6-0
beat Megson and Murray 7-5
J. Hau and K. C. Wan (S.C.A.A.) lost to Emberson and Duffield 4-6
drew with Webb and Denyer 6-6
beat Megson and Murray 6-3
H. C. Kwok and K. Sung (S.C.A.A.) lost to Emberson and Duffield 4-6
beat Webb and Denyer 7-5
lost to Megson and Murray 3-6

Indians Beaten

At Sookunpoo, Kowloon Tong Garden City Association beat Indian Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3.

A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.) lost to D. Chen and A. H. Basto 2-6
lost to L. Chen and E. Penn 4-6
beat D. Kwok and H. I. Huang 6-2
M. P. Madar and A. J. Suffiad (I.R.C.) lost to Chen and Basto 1-8
beat Chen and Penn 7-5
lost to Kwok and Huang 3-6
M. Hassan and A. R. H. Esmail (I.R.C.) lost to Chen and Basto 2-6
beat Chen and Penn 6-1
lost to Kwok and Huang 5-7

A Close Game

At Pokfulam, Hong Kong University Tennis Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club (1) by 5 sets to 4.

P. K. Hooi and K. Y. Tam (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to H. N. Chau and T. F. Lo 2-6
lost to C. Wei and S. Y. Tong 5-7
beat M. C. Tong and C. K. Lee 6-3
T. C. Lo and F. Liu (H.K.U.T.C.) beat Chau and Lo 6-2
beat Wei and Tong 6-4
drew with Tong and Lee 6-6
S. L. Yong and C. M. Low (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to Chau and Lo 2-6
lost to Wei and Tong 3-6
drew with Tong and Lee 6-6

Table To Date

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	1	3	0	0	2	5	6
C.R.C. (2)	2	2	0	0	1	5	4
A.T.C.	3	2	1	0	2	7	4
Recreation	1	2	1	0	1	5	4
C.R.C. (1)	3	2	1	0	1	7	4
C.C.C.	4	2	2	0	1	7	4
H.K.U.T.C.	1	1	2	0	1	5	2
K.C.C.	1	1	2	0	1	5	2
K.I.T.C.	3	1	2	0	1	5	2
K.T.G.C.A.	3	1	2	0	1	5	2
I.R.C.	4	0	4	0	0	2	0

GUNNERS BEAT R.E.

In "B" Division of the Army Tennis League, 24th Battery, Royal Artillery, beat Royal Engineers by 2 sets to 1 at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Sgt. Kehoe and Cpl. Hawkins (R.E.) lost to L/Sgt. Warder and Sgt. Elliott, 2-6, 0-6, 2-6.

Sgt. Spencer and Cpl. Birrell (R.E.) beat B.Q.M.S. Alexander and L/Bdr Denton, 4-6, 6-1, 10-8.
L/Cpl. Smith and L/Cpl. Matthews (R.E.) lost to Capt. Simmon and Lieut. Wardle, 2-6, 3-6, 0-6.

Table To Date

	Sets	W	L	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1	17
24th Battery	18	11	7	11
36th Battery	15	10	5	10
R.A.O.C.	12	9	3	9
Royal Signals	18	8	10	8
12th Battery	6	6	0	6
Middlesex	15	5	10	5
5th, A.A.	12	5	7	5
Royal Engineers	9	4	5	4
965th Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.M.C. "A"	6	3	3	3
R.A.M.C. "B"	3	2	1	2
R.A.S.C. "A"	6	2	4	2
R.A.S.C. "B"	3	2	1	2

GOALLESS DRAW

A keen and thrilling hockey match on roller skates was witnessed at Ciro's Skating Rink, Caroline Hill, yesterday, when Hong Kong Skating Club and Cyclone Sports Club took part in a goalless match.

H.K.S.C.—R. W. Jenner, H. W. Mok and George Yao; D. D. Nien, K. Y. Chang and J. Drowery. William Yao and Albert Lam.

Cyclone Club—S. Bux, H. Baker and Roger; E. R. Marker, Kitchell and Walley.

Football clubs throughout England yesterday received their fixtures for the first half of next season. In the southern section there are 34 teams and in the northern 30. The programme opens on August 30, and games played then will be repeated the following Saturday on reverse grounds. Two all-London clashes mark the opening of the southern section, Brentford entertaining Fulham and Chelsea being at home to Crystal Palace. Arsenal's opening game is away against Norwich. In the north, Preston (cup holders) start with a home game against Blackpool.—Reuter.

A meeting of school representatives will be held at Victoria Recreation Club today at 3 p.m. to discuss preliminary arrangements for the inter-school swimming contest to be held shortly under the auspices of V.R.C.

LEAGUE BOWLS CHANGES FOR SATURDAY

Kowloon Cricket Club are not making any changes from the team that beat Civil Service Cricket Club in First Division of the Lawn Bowls League for their game against Revere "A" this Saturday.

In Second Division, for their game with P.O.C. at Stanley, two of the rinks that played against Kowloon Tong last week remain intact, but there is one change in A. Steven's four, R. Leigh coming in as No. 3 in place of J. M. Jack, who is not playing this week.

Several changes have been made by Hong Kong Cricket Club for their weekend bowls matches.

In Second Division, in a friendly against K.B.G.C., Beddow and Mackenzie, who played Nos. 2 and 3 respectively for Brown last week, are not playing this Saturday. Beddow will be replaced by Abraham in Third Division, while Mackenzie will not be seen in action this week. Their places will be taken by Morrison, lead to Hamilton in Third Division last week, and Edwards.

Goodwin retains the same rink with one exception, Duncan will be replaced by Shields, while Shrigley, No. 2 to Abraham in Third Division last week, will play in that position to Costello to replace Hosper, an absentee this week.

Abraham's Third Division rink will be strengthened by Beddow, who played

in Second Division last week. The promoted Shrigley's place at No. 2 will be taken by Ryan.

McKellar, who led Valentine, Lambert and Mitchell last week, will be No. 3 to Nissim this time; the other two front men being Valentine and Doughty. The last named was No. 2 to Hamilton last week, and is playing this time in place of Lambert.

Hamilton, who led Morrison, Doughty and Lacon last Saturday will have a new rink in Monaghan, Sewell and Mitchell for this match against Electric R.C.

Following are the selected teams:
KOWLOON C.C.
First Division (v. Revere "A", away):—A. E. Perry, L. Jack, A. W. Smith and E. C. Fincher (Skip); N. D.

Lloyd, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor and N. J. Bebbington (Skip); A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, W. Mulcahy and T. A. Madar (Skip).

Second Division (v. P.O.C., away):—R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabel and T. W. Carr (Skip); S. A. Gray, T. Hunter, E. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (Skip); A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip).

HONG KONG C.C.

Second Division (v. Kowloon B.G.C., Friendly):—S. L. Lloyd, R. J. Shrigley, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (Skip); G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell, H. F. Shields and F. Goodwin (Skip); R. R. Davies, P. Morrison, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Third Division (v. H.K. Electric C.C., home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, P. S. Cassidy, and E. S. Abraham (Skip); T. C. Monaghan, G. W. Sewell, A. S. Mitchell and P. J. A. Hamilton (Skip); Dr. D. J. Valentine, Col. E. S. Doughty, A. McKellar and A. Nissim (Skip).

The first six of the 64 qualifiers for to-day's First Round Match Play Professional Golf Association Tournament at Denver, Colorado, with Tuesday's scores given first are:—Sam Snead (69, 69=138); E. J. Harrison (69, 71=140); Ben Hogden (71, 69=140); Jim Demaret (72, 68=140); Henry Ransom (71, 69=140); and George Fazio (70, 70=140).—Reuter

SANDBERG'S SUCCESS

Official result of the 25-mile bicycle race, held at Tsun Wan yesterday, under the auspices of Chinese Y.M.C.A., were announced last evening, after a final check on the times had been made by the Committee, as follows:—

1. A. J. S. Sandberg (La Salle) 1 hr. 39 mins. 21 secs.
2. Kwong Man-sui (St. Joseph's) 1 hr. 44 mins. 24 secs.
3. Ip Wing Keen (St. Joseph's) 1 hr. 45 mins. 17 secs.

It must have been gratifying to the organisers that every one of the 39 competitors completed the race, which was also not marred by any mishaps.

Following are the "also rans", though

the order in which their names are given does not signify the positions in which they finished.

Misao Hung Siu-chiu and Cheung Chung-man, and Lai Chi-sang, Ip Chung-pui, Chan Ming-fai, Pun Sui-hung, Sum Wing-fat, Kwong Chak-chuen, Leung Kai-ku, Yam Kwan-san, Yeung Chung-lam, Lee Kee-chuen, Lee Hing-lau, Chan Sin-yan, Chan Wah-cheuk, Chan Kam-chung, Kwan Fook-choon, Fung Ka-cheung, Chan Fook-seng, Lee Kan-sum, Lau Kam-pak, Leung Yuk-tong, Liu Fu-hung, Woo Kan-fu, Lee Chun-man, Lai Kwok-chung, Suen Sun-cheong, Kwok Chak-chuen, Chui Shin-cheong, Wai Ping-ye, Lee Kwok-hing, Lee Kit-ling, Kwong Wing-sing, Tang Mun-chol, Wong Kuen-yue and Poon San-kee.

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FALL OF DAMOUR

Vichy Troops Now In A Desperate Situation

NO BRITISH FEELINGS OF ENMITY

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Minister for Information, speaking in London yesterday, said Britain had no feeling of hostility or enmity against the Frenchmen who obeyed the orders of the Vichy Government.

"We only hope that this unfortunate hostility will be forgotten as soon as possible," he said.—Reuter.

Speeding Up Shipping

Far-reaching proposals for transferring Table Bay harbour, Capetown, from a peacetime footing and routine to a wartime footing, and thereby speeding up British shipping, will shortly be put before the South African Minister of Railways by a strong deputation of Capetown shipping and commercial leaders.

It is proposed to institute a 24-hour a day and a seven-day a week service.—Reuter.

No Surprise In Request For Armistice

THE IMPERIAL FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED DAMOUR, SOUTH OF BEIRUT AND VICHY'S MOST IMPORTANT PORT.

General Dentz's request for an armistice caused little surprise in London, in view of the imminent fall of this town, and it was pointed out that from a military viewpoint the Vichy troops are in a desperate position.

The capture of Damour is a crippling blow because elsewhere in Syria the position of the Vichy troops is equally serious.

The British and Imperial troops are also threatening the remaining city of Aleppo, advancing parallel to the Istanbul-Aleppo-Baghdad railway from the south-east and east.

At the same time Allied columns are steadily advancing at Nebec and Furqus and threaten the vital road and rail junction of Homs from south and east.

Furthermore the Vichy troops in Jezzine are now in imminent danger of being isolated as a result of the Allied push up the coast.

Armistice Talks

Authoritative quarters consider that recent rumours of strong Vichy reinforcements reaching Syria are largely only propaganda

intended to bolster up the morale of the troops and impress the local population.

Pending an agreement on the armistice terms, it is emphasised in London that hostilities will continue actively.

Meanwhile, an admission that the French Government cannot continue the struggle in Syria is contained in a communique issued yesterday and reported in a Vichy despatch to the official German news agency.

Authorised By Vichy

The Vichy communique says that despite all efforts the French Government was not able to send its troops in Syria the reinforcements they required to continue the struggle.

With a desire to avoid "particularly painful bloodshed in a struggle that is growing more painful every day," the French Government, states the communique, "have authorised General Dentz to ask for the immediate laying down of arms."

A demarche to that effect was made at Beirut on Tuesday through the United States consul-general, concludes the communique.

That the American consul-general at Beirut had acted as transmitting agency between the British and French in efforts to secure an armistice, was also announced in Washington by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State.

Mr. Welles emphasised that the U.S. had confined their activities to transmitting Notes and Information.—Reuter.

Main Positions Overrun

A communique issued by G. H. Q. Cairo states: "Libya—there has been renewed patrol activity in the frontier area.

Abyssinia—nothing of importance to report.

Syria—the advance of our columns towards Aleppo and Homs is proceeding satisfactorily.

In the central sector further local gains have been made. On the coastal sector Australian troops have overrun the main Vichy positions and are now operating north of the town of Damour.—British Wireless.

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GERMANS RENEW OFFENSIVE

(Continued from Page 1)

The town was captured after "attempts by Soviet troops to take up new defence positions on the Latvian front," adds the agency.

In Estonia, says the agency, Nazi troops have captured the port of Pernau and the town of Fellin, midway between Pernau and Dorpat.

Hungarian Claim

A communique issued yesterday by the Hungarian High Command, according to a Budapest despatch to the Vichy news agency, states: "Our fast troops near the River Debrucz were engaged in combats with the enemy for the crossing of the river.

"Our cyclist group by a forced march and our engineers by their unceasing work contributed in no small measure to the successes."

[The Debrucz is a tributary of the Dniester, which it joins just north of Chotih.]

Finnish Report

An advance on the eastern frontier to a depth of five to 10 kilometres is claimed by the Finns in a communique quoted by Budapest radio.

It adds "Our troops occupied a frontier and repulsed the enemy. "Our air force carried out reconnaissance activity and dropped ours."

Counter-Attacks

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Swiss newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" corroborates Russian claims to have halted the German advance with terrific counter-attacks, saying the Russians are counter-attacking "with unprecedented force."

The paper said the "systematic devastation" of towns by the Red Army whenever they have to give ground "is having the desired effect," rendering so-called German victories barren.

Meanwhile a Stockholm despatch to the London "Daily Express" says the Red Army killed thousands of air-borne German troops and hundreds of paratroops dropped in the Minsk zone.—International News Service.

Significant Silence

In reviewing the latest news from the Russian front competent commentators in London mark the significance of the silence on the part of German communiques and point out that the German drive has now lasted a fortnight against great and apparently effective opposition.

Experience seems to show that drivers of armoured fighting vehicles are unable to continue more than 14 days without a break and this factor, together with the strenuous Russian resistance, has resulted in a considerable pause in the operations.

The following is the text of a Russian communique received in London at noon yesterday:—

"During the night of July 8 and 9 large-scale fighting took place in the Polotsk, Lepel and Novograd-Volynsk sectors.

In the Ostrov sector our troops strengthened the positions occupied by them and carried out intensified night reconnaissance."

Towards the end of July 8 fighting developed in the direction of Sebezh, where enemy tank and infantry units endeavoured to break through to the east. Fighting continued.

In the Polotsk sector stubborn and intense fighting continues in the Borkovichi and Ulla districts in the course of which our troops inflicted heavy losses on the enemy by short counter blows.

German Retreat

In the direction of Lepel our troops delivered a blow at the enemy and smashed two motorised regiments, destroyed four heavy and light batteries as well as a considerable quantity of anti-

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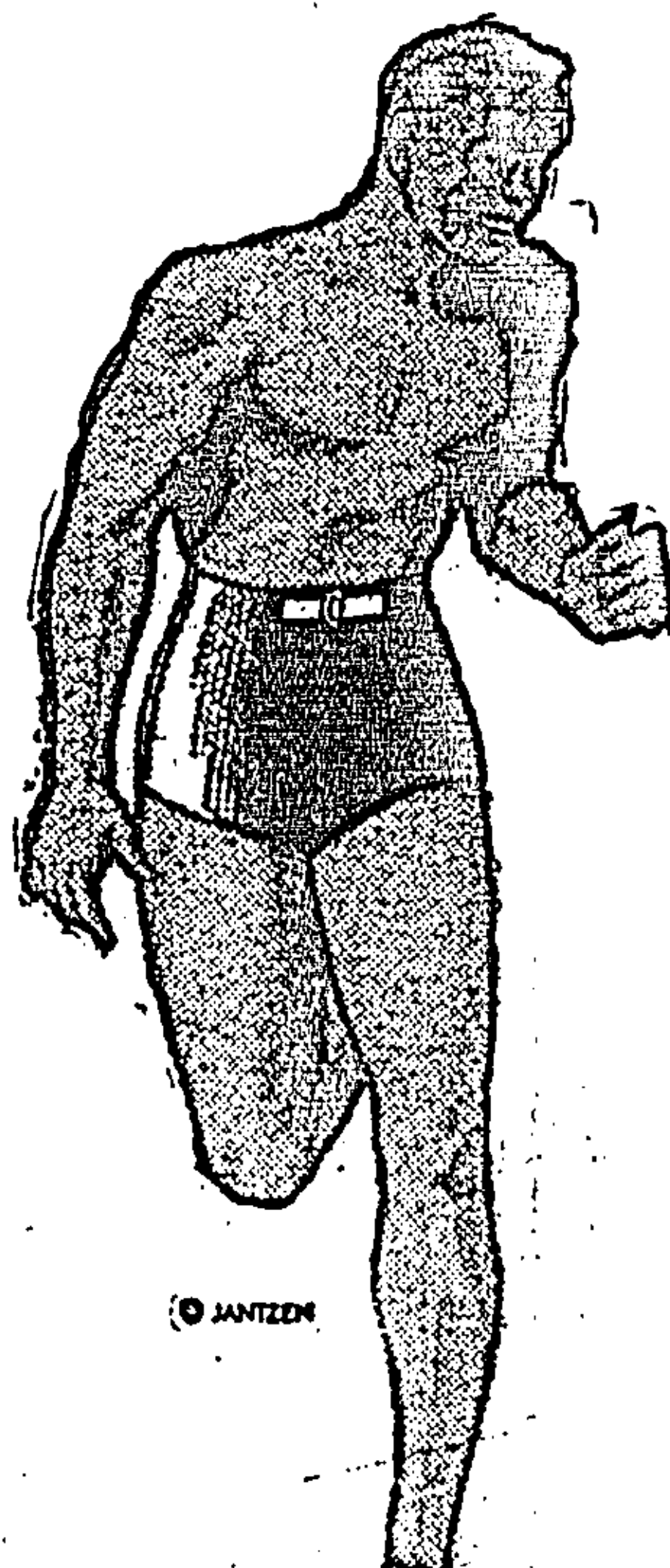
tank weapons, and the enemy left hundreds of bodies on the battlefield. The enemy withdrew.

In the direction of Novograd-Volynsk our troops continued to wage continuous stubborn battles against enemy tanks and motorised units counteracting their advance to the east.

In other sectors of the front there were no large-scale fighting operations during the night.

Our air force delivered blows against mechanised units of the enemy in the Ostrov, Lepel and Novograd-Volynsk sectors, and against the aviation of the enemy on his aerodromes.

In night operations against enemy aerodromes and in air battles during the night of the 8th to 9th our air force destroyed 62 enemy planes in the Lepel, Borisov and Bobruisk sectors alone, losing seven of its own planes. According to verified data our air force destroyed 102 enemy planes during July 8, losing 10 of its own planes.—British Wireless.



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NEW CHAPTER IN FEUD

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

It was disclosed in Washington yesterday that President Roosevelt has received an official despatch from Mr. Churchill expressing concern at premature announcements of military moves, such as expressed by Senator Wheeler before the occupation of Iceland.

Nature of the despatch was not a protest but it declared that such revelations "jeopardise lives."

Disclosure of the Note marks another chapter in the bitter feud between Senator Wheeler and the President.

SENATOR WHEELER REPLIED BY STATING HE WOULD TELL THE COUNTRY EVERY TIME HE LEARNS OF A STEP BY THE ADMINISTRATION TOWARDS WAR.

Senator Wheeler challenged the President to follow the Constitution and ask Congress for a declaration of war rather than "slip the United States into war by back-door methods." — International News Service.

Second In Two Weeks

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Amplifying the earlier announcement, the American Red Cross declares that the six American nurses reported missing were on board the second medical supply ship torpedoed in two weeks. Four other nurses were picked up after the British ship was sunk. — International News Service.

WHITE RUSSIANS TO AID SOVIET

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Shanghai's White Russian community of 30,000 has been urged by its leaders to refrain from dancing or visiting amusement places and instead to work for the motherland. — International News Service.

Redoubled Effort In Last 24 Hours

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

HAMMERING AT THE STALIN LINE AT THREE MAIN POINTS, FOLLOWING SERIOUS SETBACKS IN THE LEPEL AND PODOLSK SECTORS, THE NAZI ARMoured UNITS HAVE RE-DOUBLED THEIR ATTEMPTS TO BREAK THROUGH IN THE LAST 24 HOURS.

NEW PRICE FOR TRAM AND BUS "SEASONS"

The new rates for season tickets for the bus and tramway companies were announced to-day.

Ordinary monthly tickets of the bus companies will cost \$10 and a monthly ticket for the trams is raised to \$8.

The special ticket of the China Motor Bus Company will cost \$14.

LEAVE WITHOUT PAY

The "China Mail" learned from authoritative quarters this afternoon that a Proclamation will be gazetted on Saturday calling out all members of the H.K. Naval Volunteer Force for actual service.

Enquiries, confirming the report, revealed that the Proclamation will not mean, in actual effect, what it says, and that its primary purpose is to simplify administrative procedure.

THE EXISTING ARRANGEMENTS AFFECTING THE PERSONNEL OF THE H.K.N.V.F. WILL NOT BE ALTERED.

Those already mobilised will carry on their duties as heretofore. The remainder, to be formally "called out" on Saturday, will be immediately placed on indefinite leave without pay.

This procedure, it is understood, has been adopted in order

to obliterate the need for separate proclamations naming individuals when it is desired to call up additional personnel for actual service.

Under the old procedure, it was necessary to issue a special Proclamation to mobilise one man. Now, should it be found desirable at any time to add to the active service strength of the Force, the individual concerned will simply be "recalled from leave."

Scenes of the most violent fighting are Ostrov, in the path of the thrust to Leningrad, along the Dvina at Polotsk, the northern arm of the drive to Smolensk and Moscow, and in the direction of Novograd-Volinsk, the line of attack on Kiev.

The southern arm of the drive to Moscow, in the Lepel sector, has been hurled back upon itself by Soviet counter-attacks, which have compelled a German withdrawal.

All reports received by neutral sources confirm that the Germans everywhere are attacking with an utter disregard for losses, which are described as "terrific."

The Moscow communique issued late last night indicated that the Germans had made some progress in their renewed offensive at Ostrov, Polotsk and Novograd-Volinsk, but stressed that they were being made to pay heavily for every inch of ground and that no important success, tactical or strategic, had been achieved.

The Red Army is standing up to the assault magnificently against a superior weight of mechanised power.

Ankara Reports

Neutral sources in Ankara are enthusiastic at the stubbornness of the Russian challenge and point out that the Germans will find themselves in an extremely difficult position if Russian resistance is kept up until the rains set in December.

It is also pointed out that even if the German War machine breaks through the Stalin Line and the abandonment of Moscow becomes necessary, the loss will not materially injure the Russian position.

It is confirmed, incidentally, that the evacuation of children from Moscow is under way on a large scale, but Moscow broadcasts declare the move is a precaution in case of air raids rather than a menace to the capital by land.

In case of the fall of Moscow the capital would probably be moved to Kubyshev, Orenberg or Sverdlovsk.

The German High Command has been forced to rush reinforcements from the West as the Russians continue their counter-attacks and crack Rumanian troops take a terrific pounding on the southern front, declares the Soviet Bureau of Information in Moscow.

The first battalion of the Rumanian "King's Own Guard" was annihilated by Russian machine-guns, and the second battalion wiped out or captured. In the Polotsk region, in Bukovina, the Russians have hurled back the Germans into retreat westwards after the Nazis suffered heavy losses, leaving hundreds of dead on the battlefield. — International News Service.

NAZIS SHAKEN BY R.A.F.

The fear that Britain may have some "unpleasant surprises" in store for the Nazis in the West, has led the High Command of the German forces to maintain considerable troops in the West, according to the German radio yesterday.

COMMENTING ON THE HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE THE ENEMY IS NOT IDLE ON THIS SECTOR OF THE FRONT, AS IS PROVED BY HIS ALMOST DAILY ATTEMPTS TO RAID THE CHANNEL COAST.

"This is further proved by his nightly attacks on north-west Germany."

"THE CENTRAL TARGET IS THE UNHAPPY TOWN OF MUNSTER AND TARGETS OF MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL IMPORTANCE."

The commentator, after commiserating with the citizens who "night after night have lost not only sleep but often their belongings and their lives," added:

"It is just as impossible to eliminate these attacks as it is impossible to eliminate artillery fire on the front." — Reuter.



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Candid Commons Criticism Of British War Production

SERVICE M.P.s IN THE FOREFRONT

CANDID CRITICISM OF BRITISH WAR PRODUCTION WAS MADE IN SPEECHES IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS YESTERDAY WHEN A TWO-DAY DEBATE ON THE SUBJECT WAS OPENED.

The debate provided an occasion for those who are not satisfied that the country is achieving the maximum possible output to ventilate their views.

Lt. Briabber (Cons.), who was with the Fleet Air Arm at Crete, complained of the lack of armaments and 'planes and of the weakness of tanks, while Lt.-Cmdr. Hopkinson asserted that none of the 'planes produced by Lord Beaverbrook's drive participated in the Battle of Britain.

He was assailed by Labour members when he described the Labour Minister, Mr. Ernest Bevin, as "an unskilled labourer."

Mr. G. M. Garro-Jones (Lab) urged the appointment of a Minister of Munitions, with a seat in the Cabinet, "to end the juggling for men and materials."

He contended the production of tanks was being delayed by countless modifications, and while expressing satisfaction with British aircraft production, declared too many types were being sent from America, resulting in hundreds lying unpacked in warehouses because the necessary auxiliary equipment was not available.

Govt. Slowness

Major Oscar Guest (Cons) declared it was very difficult for manufacturers to obtain clear-cut and quick decisions from Government departments.

Mr. Geoffrey Mander (Liberal) said the enemy could draw no possible consolation from criticisms for there had been a tremendous output of war equipment of all kinds.

Mr. Mander continued that what they urged, however, was still greater output.

He complained of idleness in factories due to change-over in types. Workers resented for being paid for playing darts, which was all they had to do in many cases.

A Scandal

Mr. D. J. K. Quibell (Lab) said it was a scandal that at the factory which made the first tanks in Britain only a quarter of the employees were now engaged on war production.

Lt. Briabber declared that in the Middle East, Crete, Libya and Syria, there was an almost chronic lack of the most important materials of war.

"We are still grievously short of anti-aircraft guns, and at Maleme there was a great shortage of multiple half-inch machine-guns for use against low-flying aircraft."

"OUR TANKS DID WELL AGAINST THE ITALIANS BUT NOT SO WELL AGAINST THE GERMANS BECAUSE THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH OF THEM AND THEY WERE TOO SLOW."

"If we could produce 20,000 aircraft we could win the war."

Critic Of Mr. Bevin

Lt.-Cmdr. Hopkinson urged competitive tenders for design and revision of the contract system, asserting that at present it paid to take 80,000 man-hours to produce aircraft which could be produced in 20,000 man-hours.

He charged Mr. Bevin with incompetence in the manner in which labour was being handled.

JOE LOUIS RESISTS DIVORCE

ANSWERING THE DIVORCE SUIT FILED IN THE CHICAGO CIRCUIT COURT YESTERDAY BY HIS WIFE, JOE LOUIS, WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPION, DENIED HE EVER STRUCK HIS WIFE.

Asking dismissal of the suit, Louis completely denied the charges of cruelty, and denied that his wife "treated him kindly and affectionately and conducted herself towards him as a true and virtuous wife," as plaintiff claimed.—Reuter.

LEGAL ADVISER TO DOMINIONS OFFICE

Mr. K. E. Poyser, D.S.O., former Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, has been appointed Legal Adviser to the Dominions Office and Colonial Office, in succession to Sir Henry Gratton Bushe, K.C. M.G., recently appointed Governor of Barbados.—Reuter.

CHOPPER INCIDENT RELATED

ALLEGED TO HAVE STRUCK HIS FRIEND WITH A CHOPPER WHILE THEY WERE BURNING JOSS BESIDES A GRAVE IN THE COFFEE PLANTATION, SOOKUNPOO, ON MARCH 28, A 36-YEAR-OLD SHANGHAI TAILOR, CHAN CHUNG-SHAN, OF NO. 15, SHING WO ROAD, FACED A CHARGE OF CAUSING GRIEVOUS BODILY HARM TO WONG MING-KO, 29, BEFORE MR. G. T. LOWRY AT THE CENTRAL MAGISTRACY THIS MORNING.

Accused pleaded not guilty. Wong, in evidence, said accused owed him \$600. When he approached him for the money, accused suggested that they settle the matter in a tea house. After tea, accused suggested that they go to burn joss at the Coffee Plantation for luck. He agreed and they went to sleep besides a grave at Sookunpoo on the night of March 28. In his sleep, defendant struck him across the face with a chopper and ran. He gave chase and accused was arrested in Leighton Hill Road. He had been in hospital ever since.

The case was adjourned until to-morrow for further evidence. Detective Sergeant V. Morrison is in charge of the case.

ENTERING GIARABUB

A ROYAL AIR FORCE OFFICER WHO ENTERED GIARABUB SHORTLY AFTER ITS CAPTURE, REPORTED SOME INTERESTING STORIES OF THE ITALIAN GARRISON. SEVERAL ENEMY SOLDIERS GAVE HIM LETTERS TO POST TO THEIR RELATIVES IN ROME AND ELSEWHERE, BELIEVING THAT, SINCE THEY HAD HAD NO NEWS OF ANY ITALIAN DEFEAT ANYWHERE THE CAPTURE OF GIARABUB MEANT THAT THE ENTIRE ITALIAN EMPIRE WAS IN OUR HANDS.

A sad commentary on Gayda's arrogant propaganda!

One of the soldiers had been whiling away the time by learning German. His exercise book was found filled with delicate calligraphy—the headings of the pages in graceful Italian, and underneath fatiguing columns of German terminations.

When his British captors searched him for something with which to identify him, they found a postcard from his Mother, in what used to be the Italian Tyrol; "Dear Son" it read, "we are hoping that it will all be finished quickly, quickly."

EMBEZZLEMENT BY SHROFF

Cheng Yau-ming, 27, shop fold, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. G. T. Lowry this morning, for embezzlement of \$243.95, received by him on behalf of the Lee Hing Firm.

Det. Sergeant W. Summers said accused was employed as a shroff and collected the money from different firms in Kowloon. Accused had been in the employment of complainant for 18 months at wages of \$15 per month.

BRITISH WAR SUPPLIES FOR RUSSIA

Equipment for Russia is already in transit from Britain, it was stated at the Ministry of Economic Warfare in London yesterday.

Arrangements have been completed in Britain for supplying Russia with large quantities of war materials, it was also stated.—Reuter.

FIRE FIGHTING IN A BOMBER

On their first operational flight the second pilot and the rear gunner of a Whitley bomber beat out a fire in their aircraft with their hands, and smothered it with a parachute bag.

The bomber had been on a night raid on the oil tanks at Rotterdam. Half of the target area was already in flames when the aircraft arrived. After it had dropped its load of bombs in a direct hit on an oil tank, the target went up in fire also.

Shortly after the Whitley recrossed the Dutch coast on the return journey the starboard engine cut out, and then caught fire. It may have been hit by flak over Rotterdam. When the petrol was switched off the fire seemed at first to die out, but a little later it re-appeared blazing fiercely, beneath the engine and under the fuselage.

The rear gunner and the second pilot started to deal with the fire. First the gunner tried to beat it out with his hands, but he could not keep it under. Then he brought an extinguisher from the tail of the aircraft, and both he and the second pilot went to work with this, but still without dousing the flames.

Next, they took a parachute bag and managed to smother the bulk of the fire with that, finishing the job with an extinguisher.

The Whitley was now only 500 feet above the sea, into which the pilot thought he would be forced down. As the fire was now out he decided to try for the nearest aerodrome. The crew jettisoned the ammunition and the dinghy, and the pilot just managed to get enough height to reach a Coastal Command aerodrome. The undercarriage refused to come down but the pilot made a successful landing near the flare path. None of the crew was injured.

IRAQ TO COME UNDER INDIA

The defence of Iraq will in future be the responsibility of the India Command and will come under the authority of General Sir Archibald Wavell, newly appointed Commander-in-Chief.—Reuter.

UNCEASING RAIDS IN MIDDLE EAST

Direct hits with heavy bombs were obtained by R.A.F. bombers on the railway station and warehouses near the harbour at Tripoli, Syria, said yesterday's R.A.F. Middle East communique.

Australian aircraft carried out a diving machine-gun attack on Vichy armoured cars and motor transport vehicles near Beirut.

During the night of July 7/8 heavy bombers attacked and damaged Vichy aircraft on the ground and at Aleppo and on satellite aerodromes at Nasrullah, where three Vichy aircraft were destroyed.

In Cyrenaica R.A.F. heavy bombers again successfully attacked the harbour at Benghazi.

In one of these raids a large petrol fire was started on the railway terminus siding.

Fires At Benghazi

Another extensive fire was started at the base of the Cathedral Mole, causing a 500-yards belt of flame which spread along the docks and was visible from 40 miles.

Fires were started at the base of the central mole by another formation which also severely damaged a CR 42 aircraft.

R.A.F. bombers also attacked targets at Eleusis, Greece, and on the island of Crete, causing fires.

All aircraft returned safely.—Reuter.

WARRANT ISSUED

A warrant for the arrest of Robert Thomas Chan, alias Chan Cheung, aged 30, was endorsed by Mr. D. J. N. Anderson at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when Chan failed to turn up to answer a charge of offering a car as a bribe to a Government official.

Mr. W. M. Brown who was to appear for defendant stated that, apparently, his client had absconded.

Mr. F. W. Shaftain, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation (Crime), asked for defendant's bail of \$2,500 to be estimated, and for a warrant for his arrest. The applications were granted.

It was previously alleged that accused, who described himself as a rent collector residing at No. 45, Kai Yee Road, second floor, offered the car, valued at \$1,150, to Dr. C. Jones with a view to influencing him to unseal the doors of No. 566, Queen's Road, West, and release some 400,000 tins of canned goods of which at least eight per cent were unfit for human consumption.

FINNS ENGAGED IN HOSTILITIES

Finnish forces have taken part in hostilities on Soviet territory, the Foreign Secretary stated in the Commons. Mr. Eden added it was untrue that the British Consul-General in Helsinki had been compelled by the Finnish Government to leave Finland.—Reuter.

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RAIDS DEEP INTO GERMANY

More Daylight Attacks In France

Vigorous Offensive Operations

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON HEAVY BOMBERS OF THE R.A.F., ESCORTED BY FIGHTERS, ATTACKED A POWER STATION NEAR BETHUNE, STATES AN AIR MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE. THE TARGET WAS HIT BY HEAVY BOMBS.

During the daylight operations 13 enemy aircraft were destroyed, 12 by fighters and one by a bomber. Eight British fighters are missing, the pilot of one being safe.

One section of the large bomber force which attacked Germany's industrial resources on Tuesday night went to Halle and Leuna, near Leipzig, 550 miles from London.

At Leuna, they bombed a synthetic oil plant of the I.G. Farbenindustrie, one of the principal factories on which depends Germany's attempt to secure economic self-sufficiency.

At great expense in coal and labour this plant normally produces 400,000 metric tons of oil per annum.

The British bombers made the long flight under a bright moon and were there and back within the short hours of the summer night.

Hamm Assaulted

A very heavy attack was made on the great railway system at Hamm. The yard was torn by the explosions of many heavy bombs and the railway buildings suffered.

Large fires started could be seen burning fiercely many miles on the way home.

One British bomber which attacked Hamm met an enemy fighter. The rear-gunner drove it off and saw flames coming from it.

Munster Again

Munster was attacked for the fourth night in succession. One pilot described the huge fire in the town, surrounded by many scattered outbreaks.

The railway lines were hit and close to the main railway station large sheds burned furiously and all the walls caved in.

Bielefeld and Essen were also attacked.—Reuter.

CAMPAIGN NEARING ITS END

"ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THE CAMPAIGN IN EAST AFRICA IS VIRTUALLY ENDING HAS BROUGHT QUIET SATISFACTION TO INDIA, WHERE THE DEEPEST ADMIRATION IS FELT FOR THE MAGNIFICENT PART PLAYED BY THE TROOPS UNDER YOUR COMMAND IN THESE HARD-FOUGHT AND SUCCESSFUL OPERATIONS."

So declares the Viceroy in a telegram to Lt-Gen. Platt. A second telegram, to Lt-Gen. Cunningham, says: "Heartiest congratulations to you on the successful outcome of this long and closely fought campaign. We have watched with the greatest admiration the completion of this outstanding feat of arms and all India rejoices at the successful termination of these extremely arduous operations." — Reuter.

ousting Axis Air Services

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

CONTINUING THE DRIVE AGAINST AXIS INFLUENCE IN LATIN-AMERICA, THE UNITED STATES IS TO RELEASE 30 MODERN TRANSPORT PLANES, ORIGINALLY CONSIGNED TO THE ARMY, TO LATIN-AMERICAN COUNTRIES.

With the help of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, American officials are currently engaged on wresting control of numerous Latin-American air lines from Italy and Germany.—International News Service.

Hammer Blows On The Ruhr

Intensification of R.A.F. attacks on the Ruhr provokes the question, "Has Germany not moved her industry in bulk to the east?"

Authoritative circles in London, while agreeing that a move of some kind may have been made to the safest possible places, including Austria and Poland, emphasize that economically it is almost impossible to remove heavy material from corresponding heavy supplies such as coal and coke.

Heavy plant installed with pipe mains and other intricate accessories becomes almost part of the ground and transportation would involve 50% rebuilding and would be a colossal undertaking.

Extensions to plant may well have been set up in the eastern Reich if economic handicaps have not proved too great.

But the Ruhr, which before the war produced 70 to 75% of German coal, containing a greater part of the coking and steel industries and also to a lesser degree the electric power industry, is still the industrial heart of Germany.

THAT THE NAZIS RECOGNISE THE FACT IS SHOWN BY A RECENT STATEMENT IN THE NEWSPAPER "DEUTSCHE ALLGEMEINE ZEITUNG": "THE FATE OF THE RUHR AREA IS THE FATE OF GERMANY."

Hammer blows on the Ruhr are hammer blows on German economy.—British Wireless.

SIX AMERICAN NURSES LOST IN TORPEDOED SHIP

The American Red Cross announced in Washington yesterday that six American nurses are missing from a British ship torpedoed en route to England.—Reuter.

THE TYPHOON

The typhoon this morning at 7.50 a.m. was reported to be halfway between the Marianne Islands and Luzon, moving WNW.

CHILD KILLED

A five-year-old Chinese girl was run over and killed by a bus in Canton Road yesterday afternoon.

"ALLIES" IN ICELAND

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

Mr. Winston Churchill, speaking in the House of Commons yesterday, suggested that Britain and the United States should pool their navies to protect supplies traversing "dangerous waters" to American-occupied Iceland.

The speech welcomed the American occupation and roused the loudest cheers in Parliament since the Bismarck sinking.

Mr. Churchill declared the U.S. forces would greatly reduce the danger to Iceland, and offered the protection of the Royal Navy to American supplies and reinforcements to Iceland.—International News Service.

BRITISH FAR EASTERN POLICY RE-AFFIRMED

MR. ANTHONY EDEN, the Foreign Secretary, declared in the House of Commons yesterday that the Axis recognition of the Nanking regime would make no difference to Government's Far Eastern policy, which was based on recognition of Chungking as the legitimate Chinese National Government.

Mr. Eden was replying to Mr. Philip Noel-Baker (Lab.) who invited him to make a statement on the relations between the British Government and Chungking in view of the recent Axis recognition of Nanking.

Mr. Eden continued that on July 7 the Chinese entered on the fifth year of their indomitable resistance.

"I am happy to repeat the assurance I recently gave here that the British Government will continue to do what they can to help China maintain her independence." (Cheers)

Mr. Eden indicated assent when Mr. Noel-Baker expressed the hope that he would transmit that message to the Chinese Government with assurances that it was warmly supported by all parties in the House.

Shipping Shortage

Replying to Major-Gen. Sir Alfred Knox (Cons), Mr. Eden

said supplies of rice for the poor in the International Settlement of Shanghai was primarily an affair for the Municipal Council to take up with the Japanese authorities.

Asked if he knew that the price of rice had risen 700 per cent, Mr. Eden said he knew the situation was serious.

Replying to Sir J. S. Wardlaw-Milne (Cons), Mr. Eden said there had been some shortage of shipping in Far Eastern waters resulting in difficulties for the Shanghai Power Company in maintaining coal stocks.

He understood, however, that the company had succeeded in chartering a number of neutral vessels and were negotiating for others.—Reuter.

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SIGNIFICANCE OF ICELAND OCCUPATION NOT MISUNDERSTOOD

THE AMERICAN occupation of Iceland ordered by President Roosevelt in his capacity as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces in the United States is a stroke whose significance has been universally appreciated and whose boldness has been warmly welcomed in this country, declares "The Times" in an editorial.

The defence of the main Atlantic routes, adds "The Times," is not purely a matter of Anglo-American concern. It is of vital interest to every country which possesses an Atlantic seaboard or whose ships sail the ocean.

"Should the other arm of what President Roosevelt calls the 'German pincers movement against the western hemisphere' become menacing, and should the establishment of further American bases be desirable in order to avert it, Great Britain will certainly be prepared to cooperate once again as she has done in the past and as Iceland has now done in the north," "The Times" added.

"That American armed forces are now stationed within 600 miles of the British Isles is a measure of the colossal progress realised in less than two years from the outbreak of war."

"The Times" continues: "This new instrument and symbol of American aid to Britain is an outstanding contribution to winning the war and it is also a fresh land-mark of American policy."

United States comment on American occupation of Iceland progressed far beyond the points of its consideration as a purely defensive measure.

Nearer To War

Upon implications being analysed, there is a widespread concurrence in the belief that the United States has been brought much closer to open war with Germany.

Leader writers of the interventionist newspapers sound a bell's note, emphasising Iceland's occupation as an offensive action and urging similar and speedy action to occupy Dakar and the Atlantic Islands. Even the normally non-intervention papers concede the wisdom of President Roosevelt's action for the purposes of defence of the western sphere but qualify their approval by criticism that Congress was not consulted.

The "New York Times" columnist, Hanson Baldwin says: "The President's measures imply evidence of the Government's intention to help Britain with military means."

Not Passive

The bases the United States is now establishing in Iceland should not be merely for passive defence, the "New York Times" writes.

"What is most important about Iceland is that it is not merely a base for the defence of Iceland itself but bases for patrolling the sea lanes."

Leonard Engel, in a New York newspaper, writes: "Iceland can also serve as an offensive base for the Americans now there as well as a defensive point."

"The coast of Norway is 915 miles away. Four-motored bombers can reach that far. The United States, by occupying Iceland, has for the first time obtained a possible base for air action against Europe."

Change in Tone

The usually non-interventionist "New York Daily News" says: "The occupation relieves British troops for service elsewhere and will facilitate the protection of American shipments to Britain. 'We are glad the United States has occupied the place.'—Reuter.

ANGELS IN UNIFORM

Many famous British artists have contributed to a display of textile designs, notable for their originality, which are expected to help the export trade.

Anna Zinkelsen has portrayed enchanting young women in uniform and called the design "Angels in Uniform." It should appeal to young women in America who are unable to wear uniforms.

There are badge designs for silk handkerchiefs. Others show young women gazing fondly at aeroplanes, and lovely new colour mixtures have been introduced.

Women will be able to dress in material bordered with tape measures—a design by Eric Ravilious, which includes clocks and griffins, and even boots.

The exhibition is at Manchester Art Gallery.

MEAT MEN WIN STRIKE

Strike of wholesale meat workers which threatened to paralyse the country's meat distribution has been settled.

Involving 2,500 men, the strike began after dismissal of sixty men employed at a bombed London depot. Thirty other depots came out in sympathy.

"The men have returned to work," an official of the Transport and General Workers' Union told the "Daily Mirror."

"The employers have conceded the four disputed points. All notices are withdrawn. No pay is to be stopped."

FLARES IN HAWAII BLACK-OUT

Lights were blotted out in the Hawaiian Islands soon after 9 p.m. recently, as residents, warned of the approach of theoretical enemy bombers, tested a protected black-out.

Sirens, radio announcements and motor messengers heralded the approach of the planes.

Isolated hamlets of farthest North Kauai Island were darkened and, far south on Hawaii, Japanese grocers extinguished their kerosene lamps. Lighthouse keepers doused beacons.

The black-out, part of the Army's spring war games, found soldiers manning observation posts burrowed into lava peaks awaiting attackers who, when they came, dropped flares instead

Blazed Again

of explosives.

Then lights blazed again from Kaena point to Koko Head and another black-out, third for the islands in two years, was over.

Gov. J. B. Poindexter, in a radio broadcast, said Hawaii's many racial groups are loyal to America and welcomed the opportunity to cooperate.

Lieut. Gen. Walter C. Short, commanding the Hawaii Department, said the Territory "outdid" itself.

Army planes had scattered leaflets over the islands warning of the black-out and urging full cooperation. Leaflets were printed in English, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian and a Filipino dialect.

During the black-out, civilian controlled this year, 1,500 Red Cross workers set up emergency stations; motorcyclists patrolled highways; 100 civilian trucks equipped with emergency supplies hastened to "bombed" sections and black-out patrols were active.

THEFT OF WREATHS

Chan Yee, 17, and So Yau, 20, were sentenced to six weeks' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K. C., this morning, for the theft of wreaths from the Sikh Crematorium yesterday.

First accused was seen in O'Brien Road with six wreaths. He admitted theft from a grave at the Sikh crematorium. Second defendant was arrested inside the cemetery.

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U.S. NAVY PERMITTED TO SHOOT

COL. FRANK KNOX, U.S. SECRETARY OF NAVY, SAID AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE IN WASHINGTON YESTERDAY THAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAD TOLD THE NAVY WHAT TO DO IF IT BECAME NECESSARY TO SHOOT IN ORDER TO PROTECT THE ATLANTIC APPROACHES TO U.S. BASES AGAINST HOSTILE ACTIVITY.

Col. Knox declared the language of the Iceland message "would indicate" that the President intended the Atlantic patrol to go farther than its previous orders, which merely were to report any hostile craft sighted.—Reuter.

CORPORAL DIES IN HOSPITAL

Corporal Smith, Royal Scots, who was seriously injured when a Bren-gun carrier rolled 70 feet down a hill on Castle Peak Road on Tuesday, died in hospital last night.

The funeral will take place at 4 p.m. to-day at the Colonial Cemetery.

PLUMS GOOD SINCE 1916

Plums bottled in 1916 by a resident of Crawley, Sussex, and just opened were found to be in excellent condition and made a tasty dish.

CHEUNG CHAU MINE DISASTER; JUNKS BLOWN UP

SOME 30 JUNKS were destroyed on Monday when two of the craft struck mines off Cheung Chau Island, according to a belated report received by the headquarters of the Hong Kong Chinese Fishermen's Union.

According to the report received, a large petrol junk left Cheung Chau for Ku Lung Bay to take refuge from the weather at about 9 a.m. on Monday.

Some 15 minutes later, whilst sailing off the north coast of the island, the junk struck a drifting mine and was blown to smithereens.

Other junks and sampans nearby heard the explosion and hurried to carry out rescue work.

While these boats were searching for survivors, another drifting mine struck one of them.

The entire fleet of some 30 boats was destroyed, some being thrown, with their occupants, high into the air.

Police Report

According to a Police report this morning, the junk disaster

incident occurred at 2 p.m. on Monday and only three junks were involved.

It stated that three junks, alleged to be fully loaded with petrol, entered the minefield between Shek Ling and Tai Ku Chan, and were blown up.

The police rescued one of the crew who died shortly afterwards. The rest, believed to be some 30 in number were killed or drowned.

FRENCH IN SHANGHAI OBEY

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Complying with orders issued on July 2 by the French Ambassador, M. Cosme, Shanghai French employees of the Municipal Council, police and consulate yesterday submitted written pledges of allegiance to the Vichy regime.

It is expected all will be received by the deadline to-day.

The measure applies to French citizens in administrative organizations throughout China, as well as Shanghai.—International News Service.

CHINA CURRENCY STABILISATION

Asked about the constitution of a Chinese Currency Stabilisation Board, the Financial Secretary to the Treasury stated in the Commons that the Board would consist of five members, three of whom are Chinese, one American and one British.

Sterling and dollar funds would not be pooled but would remain separate funds, though managed by the same Board.—Reuter.

PRESS HOSTEL HAVOC

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The Chinese Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Shao Yu-lin, yesterday extended sympathies to correspondents whose residence, the "Press Hostel," has been rendered uninhabitable by the recent Japanese bombings.

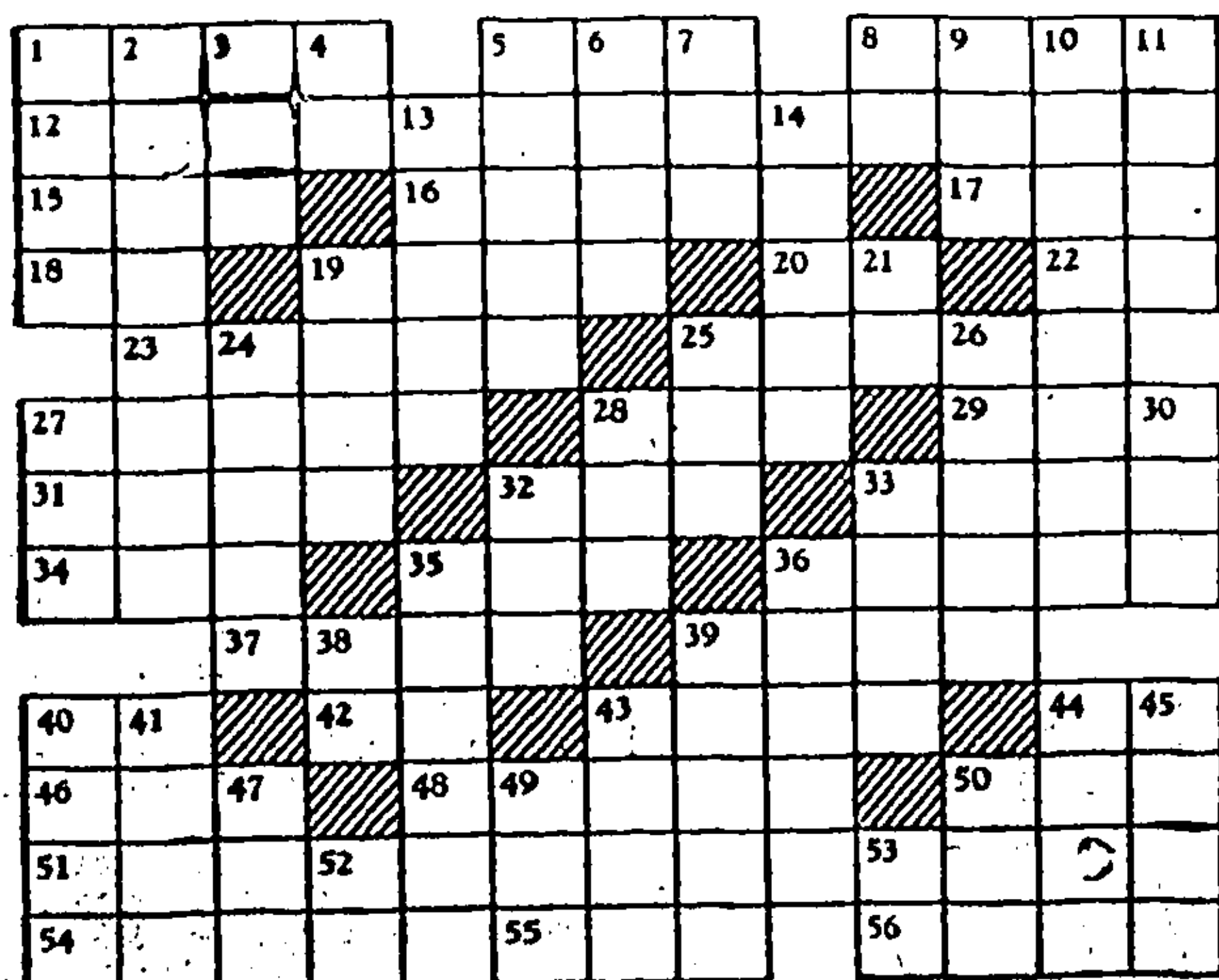
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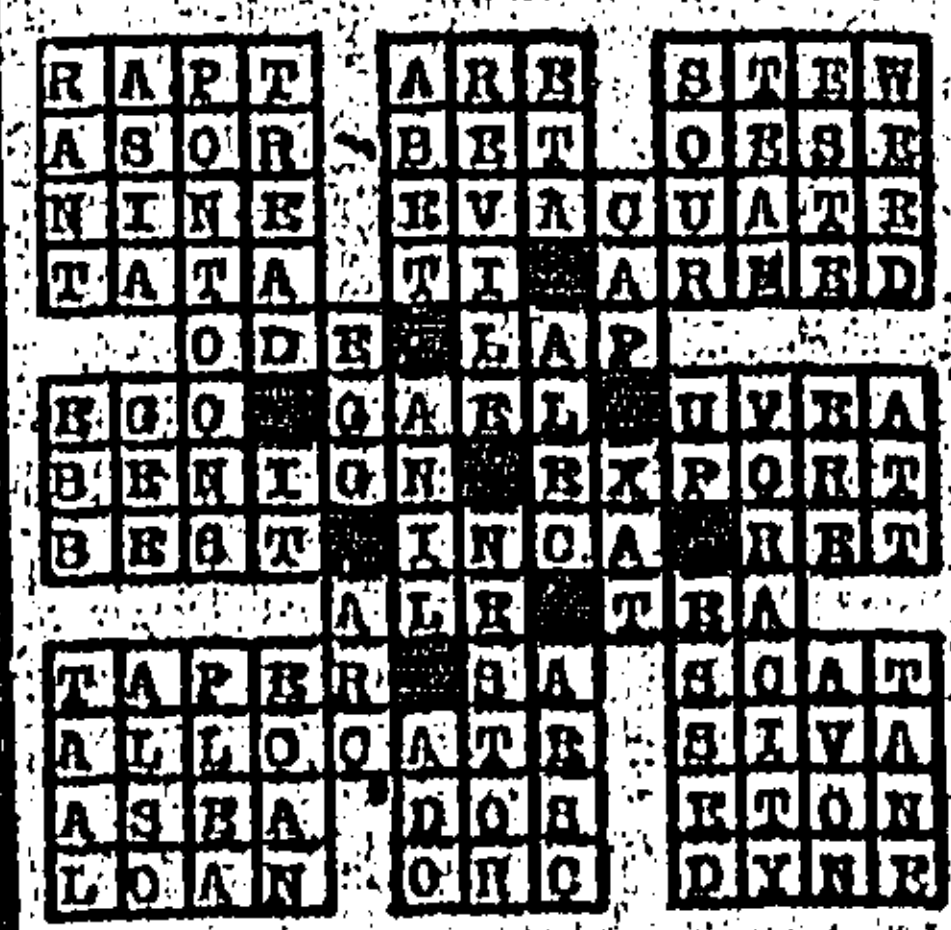
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- 22 Hawaiian bird
- 23 Apart
- 25 To take illegally
- 27 Mixes
- 28 Owling
- 29 Garden tool
- 31 At this place
- 32 Fish eggs
- 33 Wooden pins
- 34 Before
- 35 Billiard stick
- 36 Remains
- 37 Type
- 39 Food-fish
- 40 By
- 42 Note of scale

- 43 Persian ruler
- 44 Hypothetical force
- 46 Inlet
- 48 Hindu soldier
- 50 Silkworm
- 51 Inherent
- 54 To depend
- 55 European fish
- 56 To assist

- 1 Prejudice
- 2 Long, tongueless mammal
- 3 Frozen water
- 4 Toward
- 5 Easy gait
- 6 Aquatic bird
- 7 Unit
- 8 Symbol for actinium

- 9 Rodent
- 10 Visionary theorizing
- 11 Extinct bird
- 12 Servant girl
- 13 Angry
- 14 To employ
- 15 Pronoun
- 16 All-shaped amphibian
- 17 To petition
- 18 In front
- 19 Pronoun
- 20 Female deer
- 21 Worm
- 22 Beverage
- 23 Egyptian deity
- 24 Crude
- 25 Two-wheeled carriage
- 26 Preposition
- 27 Gleamed
- 28 Seed covering
- 29 Prong
- 30 Hurried
- 31 Heraldic bearing
- 32 To eat according to regimen
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- 34 Final
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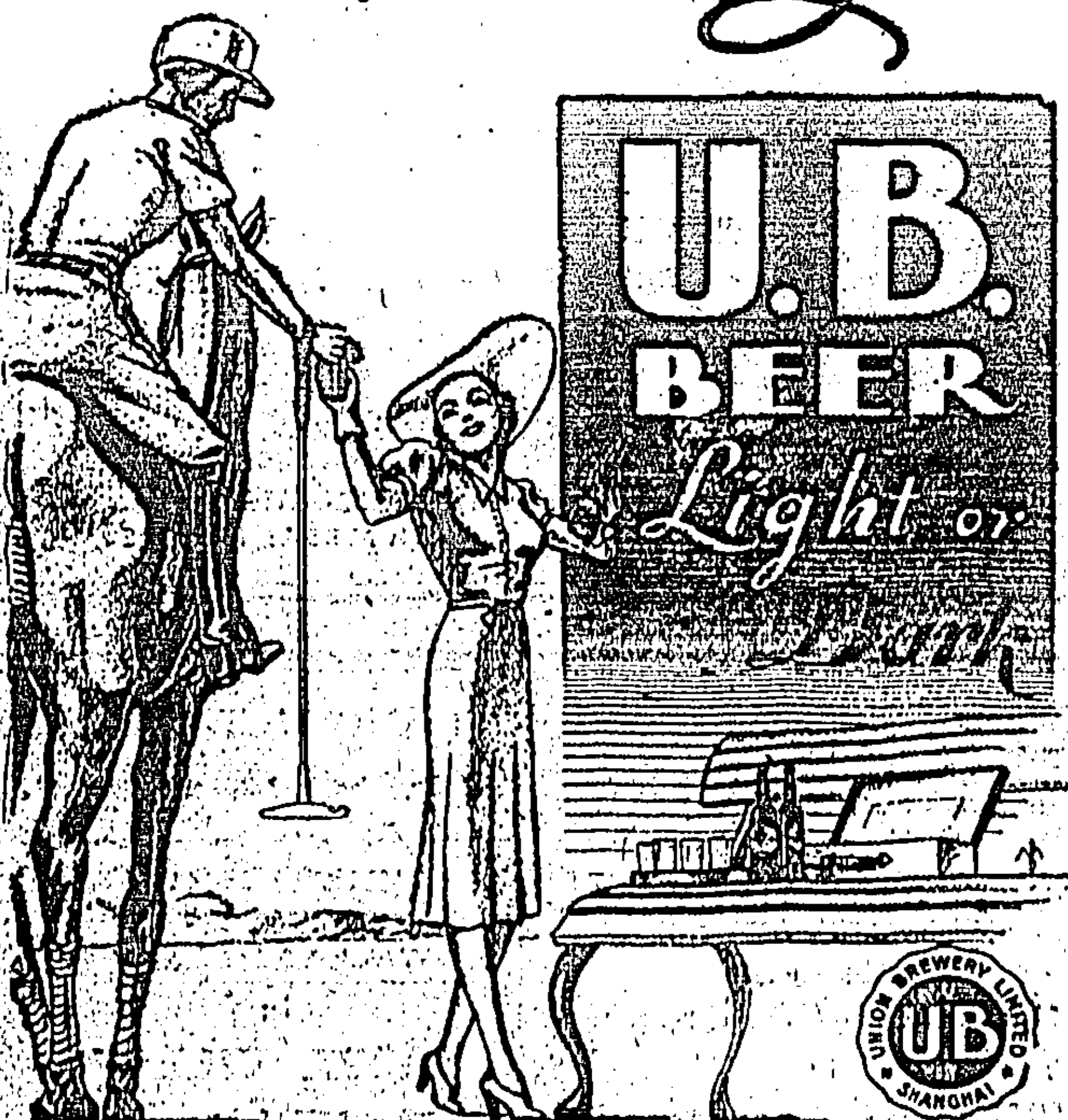
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PREMIER ASSUMES "CLOSE COOPERATION" IN ICELAND

REPLYING TO A Commons question relating to the position in Iceland, the Prime Minister said that the military occupation of Iceland by U.S. forces was one of the most important things that has happened since the war began.

The step had been undertaken by the U.S.A. in pursuance of the purely American policy of protecting the western Hemisphere from the Nazi menace.

"I understand it is the view of the American technical authorities that modern conditions of war, especially air war, require forestalling action, in this case especially, in order to prevent acquisition by Hitler of a jumping off ground from which it would be possible, bound by bound, to come to close quarters with the American continent.

"It is not for me to comment on these American views although I may say they are fairly obvious to anyone who takes sufficient interest to understand what is going on," Mr. Churchill recalled that with the assent of the Icelandic people, Britain had for some time maintained a strong garrison on the Island and he continued: "This measure of American policy is therefore in complete harmony with British interest and we have found no reason to object to it at any time."

"I cannot see we should have any grounds for taking any other attitude in view of an invitation extended to the U.S.A. by the Icelandic Government."

"We still propose to retain our army in Iceland and, as the British and U.S. forces will both have the same object in view, namely the defence of Iceland, it seems very likely they will cooperate closely and effectively in resistance to any attempt of Hitler to gain a footing on the Island."

Second Principle

After stating he found "no reason for regretting the steps which the U.S. have taken in circumstances forced upon them," Mr. Churchill turned to what he understood to be the second principle which led the U.S. to the occupation of Iceland.

This he thought he found in the declared will and purpose of the President, Congress and people of the U.S., not only to send all possible aid in warlike munitions and supplies to Britain but also to make sure they arrived.

"Here again is a course of action for which the U.S. must take full responsibility."

"Apart from this position the U.S. forces in Iceland will require to be sustained at sea from time to time."

"THESE CONSIGNMENTS TO AMERICAN FORCES ON DUTY OVERSEAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE U.S.A. WILL HAVE TO TRAVERSE VERY DANGEROUS WATERS AND AS WE HAVE A VERY LARGE TRAFFIC PASSING THROUGH THESE WATERS IT MAY BE FOUND IN PRACTICE MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS FOR THE TWO NAVIES INVOLVED TO ASSIST EACH OTHER AS FAR AS CONVENIENT IN THAT PART OF THE WATERS."

"I do not think I need say anything further about that, which appears at every point a matter which seems so very plain and simple."—Reuter.

7,500 TO 1 AGAINST

The odds against being hit by a German bomb in Britain are 7,500 to one, according to Mr. Bowne McCoy, director of American Red Cross in Britain, now in the U.S. — Associated Press.

WILLKIE DEMANDS ACTION

Mr. Wendell Willkie told the press after President Roosevelt's daily conference yesterday: "There is no use in just giving lip service to Britain."

"We can either give her effective aid or it would be better not to try to give any aid at all."

Mr. Willkie said he favoured the U.S. establishing military bases in Northern Ireland and Scotland.

The American occupation of Iceland, he declared, "is in my judgment but the first of similar steps that should be taken."

Replying to questions, he said: "It is vital to keep the sea lanes open," and added that British shipping losses were running far ahead of new constructions.—Reuter.

HUNDRED DESTROYERS A YEAR

The United States will be producing 100 destroyers a year by 1943, disclosed Admiral S. M. Robinson, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Ships, in Washington yesterday.

The U.S. shipbuilding programme, declared Admiral Robinson, was proceeding much faster than the most optimistic in the Navy Department had expected and it was "absolutely essential" to speed the production of materials to keep up with the pace.

Testifying before the Senate defence investigating committee, Admiral Robinson said the programme was "four or five months ahead of the rest of the national defence effort."—Reuter.

NAZI DIGGING IN AT SOLLUM

Latest news from Libya indicates that the Nazis are digging fortifications in the Sollum area, says a British wireless message.

TWO SCHOOLBOYS TAKE HUN PILOT

Two prefects at a public school have achieved the ambition of every schoolboy—they captured a German pilot.

They went up to him and talked, to him until a car came along.

They stopped this, popped the German inside it with a word of explanation to the driver — and went calmly back to school.

TASK OF CAPTAIN LYTTLETON

Asked in the Commons for information about the appointment of Capt. Oliver Lyttleton to the Middle East, the Prime Minister said:

"The principal task of the Minister of State, Middle East, would be firstly to facilitate the conduct of operations by the Commanders-in-Chief by relieving them as far as possible of a number of extraneous responsibilities with which they hitherto have been burdened and secondly to settle promptly matters within the policy of government but which involve several home departments or local authorities."

Appointment of the Minister will not interfere with existing relationships between the Commanders-in-Chief and Service Ministers or between the British Ambassador in Cairo and other representatives of Government in the Middle East and the Ministers in Britain to whom they are responsible."

The Minister of State, Mr. Churchill said, would make reference home whenever necessary on important issues of policy but it was hoped that the presence of a War Cabinet Minister with wide discretionary powers would smooth, hasten and concert action in the Middle East between various authorities in the area.

Replying to further questions, Mr. Churchill said the Minister of State had authority in matters not concerned with the conduct of operations but that authority was derived from his position as member of the War Cabinet and would no doubt be exercised in harmony with fundamental principle.

Asked what would be the relations of the Minister of State with the Dominions representatives on the spot, Mr. Churchill replied: "Relations will be of close contact and of continual courtesy and goodwill."—British Wireless.

SENTENCE IN ABSENTIA

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] JEAN CLAUDE, FRENCH SAILOR OF THE GUNBOAT "FRANÇOIS GARNIER," STATIONED IN SHANGHAI, WAS TRIED BY THE MARITIME TRIBUNAL IN INDO-CHINA AND SENTENCED IN ABSENTIA TO 15 YEARS' PENAL SERVITUDE. IT IS LEARNED IN SHANGHAI.

Claude was the first sailor to desert the "François Garnier" when the leader of the Free French movement in Shanghai, Roderic Egal, was arrested.—International News Services.

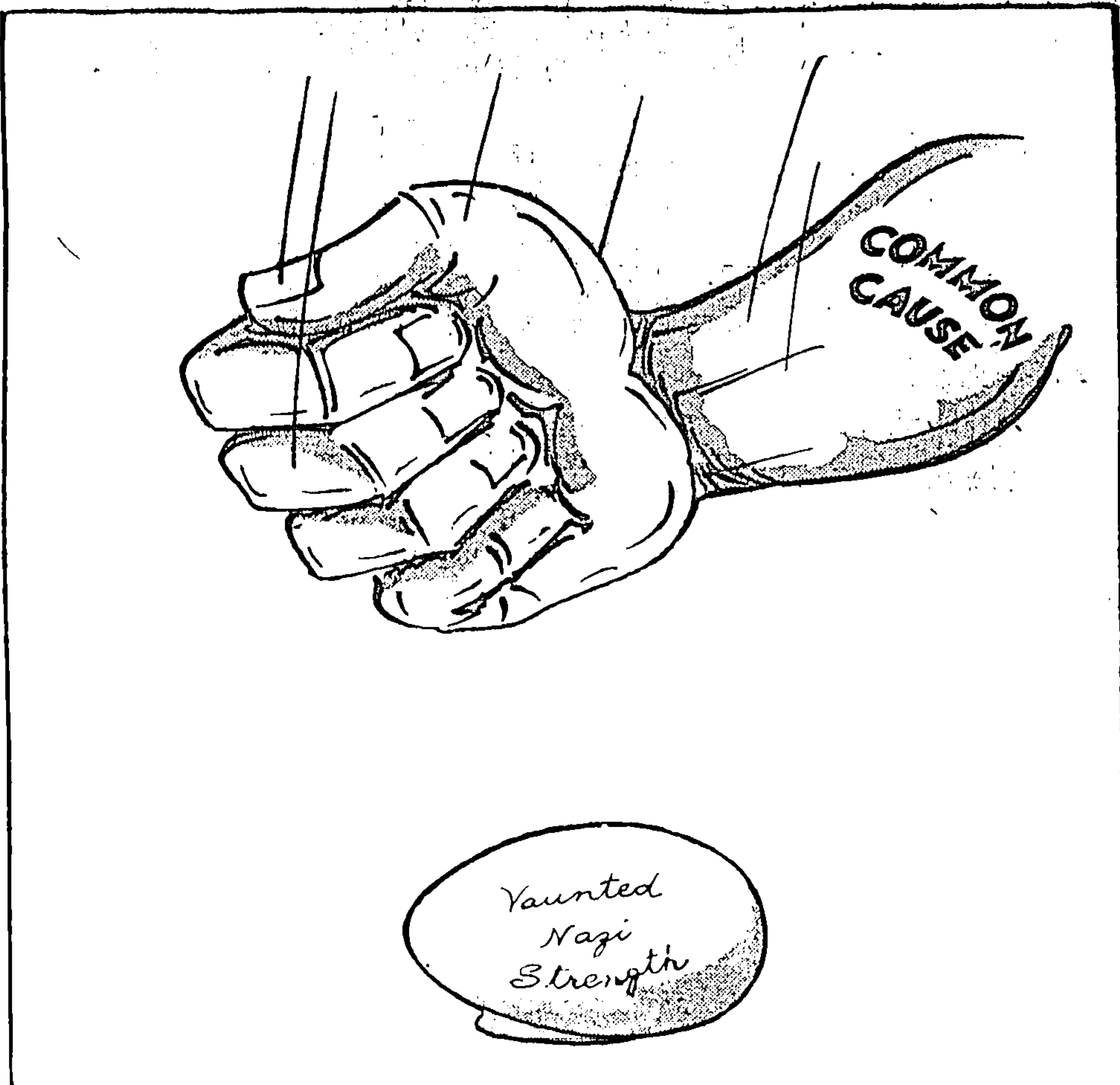


ICELAND

American occupation of Iceland and the Presidential declaration removing, in effect, any hemispheric boundary of United States defence operations, advances the United States a further bold step, with obvious implications. The President has merely implemented the theme of his recent speech in which he declared the folly of waiting until an enemy has begun offensive operations before taking defensive measures.

Whether they realise it or not, the dwindling number of Americans who have been contending that the United States should fight "only if invaded" are supporting a particular theory of military and diplomatic strategy, and a discredited one. They are saying, in effect, not that they will fight only if their own national interests are vitally affected, which is a much different contention, but that they will fight only on their own soil. This is another way of saying that if there is a war the enemy will have the advance assurance that it will be U.S. territory that will be the battlefield and not his; that it will be U.S. civilians who will suffer the incidental and perhaps decisive costs and not his; and that the great advantage of the initial surprise will be accorded to him. And it is at least partly because they followed such a policy—and prepared only for such a policy—that Poland, Norway, Holland, Belgium, France, Yugoslavia and Greece met their present fate.

Any country that shows in advance that it will fight only on its own territory must lose the diplomatic battle that precedes war. It must lose the preceding and continuing "war of nerves." Hitler has made his bloodless as well as bloody conquests by terror and blackmail and threats. Because nations threatened were either weak or only defensively armed, they could not threaten Hitler in turn. By threats he stood to lose nothing, therefore, and gain a great deal. All the psychological strain of vigilance, tenseness and fear fell upon those whom he chose or might choose for his victims. He has even been able to secure an increasing number of "allies" because, though they hate him, they fear him more. America is a different case. She can answer back and President Roosevelt has done so.



DOWN ON IT!

Transatlantic Air Service

Crediting the war with having made both necessary and possible the "forced-draft technical advancement of trans-oceanic air service," Mr. J. T. Trippe, President of the Pan American Airways System, told British aviation experts in London on June 17 that he confidently expects to see multiple daily schedules, requiring but twelve hours for the non-stop continent-to-continent flight, in regular operation over this "aerial life-line" between the United States and Europe within the next two years.

Mr. Trippe, who is in London to discuss aviation matters concerning America's international air transport system with British and other officials, presented the twenty-ninth Wilbur Wright Memorial Lecture on the subject of "Ocean Air Transport," before the annual meeting of the Royal Aeronautical Society, the world's oldest organised aviation group.

The Operating Record

To date, the Pan American Clippers have completed 352 scheduled transatlantic crossings. On these flights they have transported the record totals of 4,685 passengers, 445,390 pounds of United States mail, and 365,350 pounds of foreign mails. The transatlantic Clippers have flown 1,500,000 miles across the ocean and have flown more than 25,500,000 passenger miles "without incident."

"It is particularly gratifying," Mr. Trippe said "that the transatlantic air mail service is currently operating at a profit to the United States Government. The postage revenue accruing to the United States Treasury is well in excess of the cost to the government of the service operated by Pan American Airways. The company, however, has not fared so well. A large proportion of its revenue is dependent upon mail payments from European governments. In view of the conditions existing, many of these accounts remain unpaid, and several of them are many months in arrears."

"The methods developed to achieve this record represent America's principal contribution to ocean air transport. This operating technique, which Pan American has been engaged in developing for more than ten years, has contributed first, the Multiple Flight Crew. Through the highly organised training and operation of this 11-man flight unit, it is now possible to conduct transport flights as long as 24 hours in duration.

"Second, the development of power plants accessible for repair of adjustment in flight has demonstrated an important new safety factor. During the past two years, in which this Boeing

type of Clipper has been in operation on both the Atlantic and the Pacific, we have had 431 cases of repairs made in flight. In each of these, affected power plants were kept going or else quickly returned to operation. In 64 of these cases, had the engines not been accessible, the causes of the failures were of such a serious nature that the ship would have been forced to return to its nearest base with only three of its engines in operation.

"Third, development of a system of Scientific Flight Control, a unique advancement in long-range air transport—essentially a third-dimensional flight path, plotted with scientific exactitude through all known conditions affecting each individual flight."

Effects Of The War

This pioneer transatlantic service instituted by Pan American Airways was inaugurated on May 20, 1939. Within three months of the establishment of the service, the war in Europe seriously curtailed normal surface transport and imposed increasingly heavy burdens on the air service which automatically became the most effective, as well as the swiftest means of transport between the United States and Europe. As one result, the airline was required to carry passenger and mail loads as great as ten times the originally estimated volume of this traffic. At the same time, unforeseeable wind, weather and sea conditions, particularly during the winter months, imposed new problems for the air service.

"A few months after the opening of operations in 1939, and shortly after the outbreak of war, we released an order for six additional Boeing B-314-A transports for delivery early in 1941. Four of these have now been delivered, three of which have been transferred to the British Government. The remaining aircraft on this order should enable us soon to increase the frequency of service from the present three to six scheduled round trips each week on the Atlantic.

Super-Clippers Coming

Describing the steps already taken by Pan American Airways towards the future advancement of this transatlantic service, Mr. Trippe revealed that shortly after the service was instituted in 1939, specifications were released to manufacturers inviting bids on

the design and development of a new type of Clipper which the company's experience to date indicated as required for the next step in trans-oceanic air service. Mr. Trippe disclosed that construction contracts for a fleet of such advanced aircraft were actually let in June, 1940, with the first deliveries scheduled for early in 1942.

Concerning these new ocean transports, Mr. Trippe said: "I regret that I am not yet at liberty to disclose the technical details of these aircraft. I can, however, cite certain of the immediate and specific problems encountered in our transatlantic operations, the presence of which we had in mind in their procurement."

1. "During the months between October 1 and April 1, sea-swells in the harbour of Horta exceeded three feet on 35 days out of each hundred, and exceeded two and one-half feet on 57 days out of each hundred. The effective solution of this cause of delayed schedules is an increase of 1200 miles in the practical commercial range of trans-oceanic aircraft so as to permit continent-to-continent non-stop operation."

2. "Wind aloft records maintained through the past two years indicate that higher cruising speeds of at least 75 to 100 miles an hour greater than those now available, are desirable. This involves high-altitude, super-charged operations."

3. "Finally the recurring ice problem on the North Atlantic coast points to the advantages of landplane operations. Ocean transports of a landplane type could also permit direct service between metropolitan airports on both sides of the Atlantic."

Future Advance Swift

Looking confidently toward the future, Mr. Trippe outlined certain specific technical advances which were now within reach. He envisioned increased wing-loadings up to 80 pounds per square foot, high aspect ratios of 11, useful to-gross weight ratios of 50%, while efficient 3,000 horsepower engines are already in prospect. "Before the next two years have passed, I believe we can, with confidence, look forward to frequent, daily flights, operating on twelve hour schedules to bridge what was once a great barrier ocean between the new world and the old."

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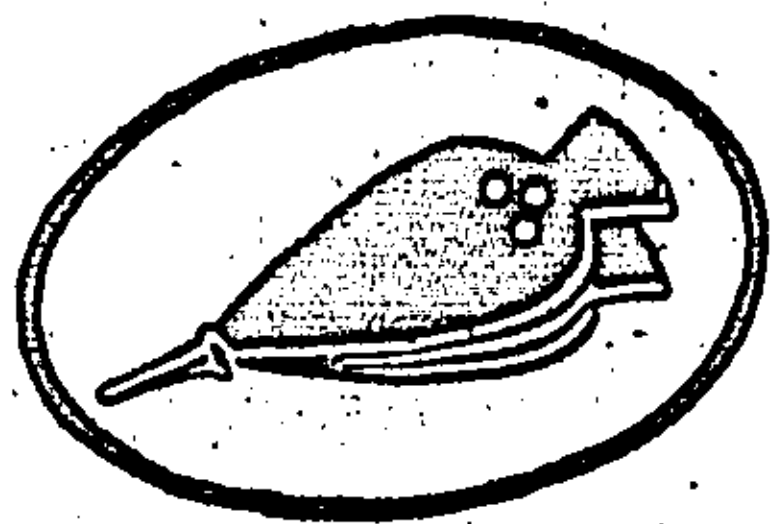
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CHANGES IN AIR WAR OVER BRITAIN

(By Major Oliver Stewart)

THE TEMPORARY cessation of heavy aerial bombing gave time and opportunity for a change in the strategical situation on the home front to be apprehended and for the new duties which will be imposed upon the population of these islands when the fighting flares up again to be defined and understood.

In the past passive defence has been imposed by the strategical conditions. In the future active defence will become available. It will be the background for the heavy counter-attacks now in preparation.

In the past the approach of the enemy bombing aircraft was the signal for many non-combatant members of the community to take cover. The general atmosphere in the country was one of enduring the blows that were known to be coming without flinching.

But now there is in every field the appropriate counter-stroke. The majority of the civil population are mobilised and trained for active defence measures. They are fire-watchers, fire fighters, A.R.P. workers, first-aid squads, and the like. Almost everybody has his specific task.

Fighting Back

So now when a big aerial attack develops the people of our cities no longer take cover, they come out to fight the enemy with the appropriate implements. Instead of going to ground they rise and shine. Firemen fight airmen. The A.R.P. services save life and property. The rescue and first-aid squads are active. The repair organisations get to work. Those who organise the housing and feeding of the people whose homes have been destroyed go into action. Members of the Home Guard stand to.

It is the gradual shifting of the initiative. Unlike the operations in Libya, the initiative in the air war at home is not suddenly passed from side to side. We have to grasp it by prolonged effort, by increased activity and toughness in defence with mounting counter-attack.

Improving Defences

Our improving defences are not alone the outcome of the more active efforts of the civil defence workers. They are also the outcome of technical improvements in the Royal Air Force and in the anti-aircraft guns and their accessories and equipment. The "other devices" are beginning to come into play.

Sir Alan Brooke has warned us that an invasion attempt is likely, and that air-borne troops would play a big part in one. Many of them might, he said, be landed by glider.

For dealing with such probabilities it is obvious that the intensified activities of the civil defence forces are of the utmost value. A nation that goes to ground in heavy raids is clearly more easily surprised by air-borne troops than one which is out and about looking for trouble.

The New Bomb

The other side of the picture, the mounting British air offensive, is of equal importance. During the week it has been officially announced that a new type of bombs has been used by the Royal Air Force on targets in Germany. It is said to be far more effective than earlier types.

Readers will not expect to hear any details of this bomb in these columns. The most general comments might prove of value to the enemy. No technical information about it has been officially accorded, and we must be content for the moment with the vague and purely figurative remark that its explosive effect is "five times" that of other types.

Bomb design, however, lends scope for a great deal of work. From the external shape, which may be deliberately adjusted to afford a high air drag so as to prevent the bomb from attaining sea.

too great a velocity — as in the small incendiary bombs — to the explosive filler and the fuse, there is endless opportunity for design ingenuity.

Heavier Loads

Our armament experts have obviously been successful in making a fairly large advance in this field. The wider consequence is that our air offensive against Germany will be augmented in three separate directions, by the increased load-carrying capacity of the new bombers, such as the Stirling, the Manchester and Halifax; by the large bomber force which is now becoming available, and by the increased destructive power of the bombs themselves.

The Stirling can carry a heavy load of bombs. The American Consolidated Liberator is said in the American papers to carry more than four tons of bombs, and they say that this machine has, in addition to this, excellent weight-lifting power, the high top speed of more than 330 miles an hour.

The bomb load of these machines varies inversely with the range at which they are operating, because of the fuel requirements. For attacks on places as near as the enemy's base at Brest the bomb load would be much greater than for attacks on places as far distant as Berlin. This must be borne in mind when comparing enemy raids with our own.

A Comparison

A study of German bomb loads and operational strength appears in "The Engineer." In it German statements are analysed, and it is concluded that during a period of 140 days of intensive raiding forty tons of bombs were dropped in eight raids per day. It is argued that this would mean — with the aircraft then in use, some of which were fighter-bombers — an average of forty aircraft per raid. In some of the concentrated raids 700 tons of bombs were sometimes said to have been taken, and this would mean some 500 bombing aircraft.

These considerations show how great is the advantage conferred upon the Royal Air Force Bomber Command by the turning out in quantity by our factories and by those of the United States of the new and bigger bombers. By reducing the number of aeroplanes needed for a given weight of attack, they ease the operational and traffic control problems.

Another point also emerges. The hard hitting of our fighters, with their batteries of eight machine-guns, caused the Germans to fit their aeroplanes with an increasing weight of protective armour. This had the effect of diminishing their bomb load.

S. M. WOODS SLIGHTLY BETTER

The condition of Sgt-Major Woods, Permanent Staff Instructor, Royal Artillery, who was injured in a motor-cycle accident at Shatin on Tuesday night, was stated this morning to be slightly better.

P.S.I. Woods suffered injuries to the spine when the Army motor-cycle he was riding plunged over the embankment into the sea.

FRANCE NEEDS CATS

Commenting on an anti-rat campaign which is being waged in France, the Paris correspondent of the Madrid Catholic organ Ya points out that in the long run the most efficient and cheapest enemy of the rat is the cat. He added that he had not the "slightest objection to declaring that stewed cat is eaten on a large scale in Paris and neighbourhood."

Bid For Peace In Peru

The United States, Argentina and Brazil have asked Peru and Ecuador to establish a No-Man's Land on both sides of the line known as the status quo line in the territory disputed by the two nations.

Mr. Sumner Welles, U.S. Under-Secretary of State, at his press conference in Washington yesterday, announced that after the envoys of the three nations had made the foregoing recommendation to Peru and Ecuador, the three Governments had also informed the Governments of all other American republics and asked them to give support towards ending the conflict.

Under the proposal the Governments of Peru and Ecuador would withdraw their military forces 15 kilometres from each side of the "line of status quo," establishing a neutral zone 30 kilometres in depth between now and the armistice.

Both were also requested to prevent their planes passing over the neutral zone.

Mr. Welles made it clear that this measure was purely temporary. — Reuter.

"Feverish" Activity

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"] The Ecuadorian High Command has reported "feverish" Peruvian military activity across the border from Ecuador, adding, however, "no further incidents along the frontier have occurred." — International News Service.

FAUSANG INCIDENT

WHETHER OR NOT REPRESENTATIONS WILL BE MADE IN CONNECTION WITH THE S.S. FAUSANG INCIDENT IN WHICH CAPTAIN R. E. HOLDEN, AND A RUSSIAN GUARD, MR. CHUBIN, WERE TAKEN OFF THE VESSEL BY ARMED CHINESE AND LATER HANDED OVER TO A JAPANESE NAVAL VESSEL, IS NOT KNOWN.

This morning the "China Mail" learned that after Captain Holden and Mr. Chubin were ordered to leave the Fausang and taken on board one of the Chinese armed launches, they were locked in a cabin and an armed guard was posted outside the door.

They were "imprisoned" for almost 24 hours. Eventually, the Chinese agreed to Captain Holden's request to take them to the nearest Japanese naval authorities, and hand them over to the first Japanese warship they met.

FALL OF DAMOUR

Vichy Troops Now In A Desperate Situation No Surprise In Request For Armistice

THE IMPERIAL FORCES HAVE OCCUPIED DAMOUR, SOUTH OF BEIRUT AND VICHY'S MOST IMPORTANT PORT.

General Dentz's request for an armistice caused little surprise in London, in view of the imminent fall of this town, and it was pointed out that from a military viewpoint the Vichy troops are in a desperate position.

The capture of Damour is a crippling blow because elsewhere in Syria the position of the Vichy troops is equally serious.

The British and Imperial troops are also threatening the remaining city of Aleppo, advancing parallel to the Istanbul-Aleppo-Baghdad railway from the south-east and east.

At the same time Allied columns are steadily advancing at Nebek and Furqus and threaten the vital road and rail junction of Homs from south and east.

Furthermore the Vichy troops in Jezzine are now in imminent danger of being isolated as a result of the Allied push up the coast.

Armistice Talks

Authoritative quarters consider that recent rumours of strong Vichy reinforcements reaching Syria are largely only propaganda intended to bolster up the morale of the troops and impress the local population.

Pending an agreement on the armistice terms, it is emphasised in London that hostilities will continue actively.

Meanwhile, an admission that the French Government cannot continue the struggle in Syria is contained in a communique issued yesterday and reported in a Vichy despatch to the official German news agency.

Authorised By Vichy

The Vichy communique says that despite all efforts the French Government was not able to send its troops in Syria the reinforcements they required to continue the struggle.

With a desire to avoid "particularly painful bloodshed in a struggle that is growing more painful every day," the French Government, states the communique, "have authorised General Dentz to ask for the immediate laying down of arms."

A demarche to that effect was made at Beirut on Tuesday through the United States consul-general, concludes the communique.

That the American consul-general at Beirut had acted as transmitting agency between the British and French in efforts to secure an armistice, was also announced in Washington by Mr. Sumner Welles, Under-Secretary of State.

Mr. Welles emphasised that the U.S. had confined their activities to transmitting Notes and information.—Reuter.

Main Positions Overrun

A communique issued by G. H. Q. Cairo states: "Libya—there has been renewed patrol activity in the frontier area. Abyssinia—nothing of importance to report."

Syria—the advance of our columns towards Aleppo and Homs is proceeding satisfactorily. In the central sector further local gains have been made. On the coastal sector Australian troops have overrun the main Vichy positions and are now operating north of the town of Damour.—British Wireless.

GERMANS IN DRUG TRAFFIC

THE PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IN THE COMMONS REGARDING THE SYRIAN ARMISTICE DISCUSSIONS DRAWS ATTENTION TO GERMAN ACTIVITIES SMUGGLING OF COCAINE AND HASHISH INTO EGYPT AND PALESTINE FOR THE PURPOSE OF UNDERMINING THE HEALTH AND MORAL OF LOCAL INHABITANTS.

It is well known in informed quarters in London that this traffic, which provides Germany with precious foreign exchange, is conducted by the German armistice delegation in Syria.

The traffic is operated by gangs in fishing motor-boats plying between Haifa, Sidon and Gaza. These gangs bring in for cash as much as one kilo weekly, cocaine predominating, and one kilo of cocaine is worth many hundreds of pounds sterling.

Procedure is that cocaine, which is very largely produced in Peru, is carried to Europe by the Latin-Italian air service operating between Brazil and Rome—and is then dispersed all over the Continent.

This German trick may suffer an abrupt cessation if the Syrian armistice discussions reach a favourable conclusion.—British Wireless.

GIRL GIVEN CHANCE

A YOUNG CHINESE GIRL, LI YING, RESIDING IN RECLAMATION STREET, WAS CAUTIONED BY MR. H. G. SHELDON, K.C., THIS MORNING, WHEN CHARGED WITH STEALING A GOLD RING.

According to the prosecution, accused who is a friend of complainant, went yesterday to borrow some money from her, because of her father's illness. Complainant refused, and accused stole a gold ring from a jewellery box, where some \$400 worth of jewellery and \$300 in cash were kept.

Defendant told the Court that she was forced to steal because she could not get money by other means.

Mr. Sheldon warned the girl not to do it again.

SOVIET SPEEDS UP HARVESTING

Collective farms throughout the Soviet Union are training every nerve to gather in the unprecedentedly bountiful harvest in record time, states the official Tass agency.

In many districts harvesting is well ahead of schedule. In the Crimea, for instance, four times more wheat has already been reaped than this time last year.—Reuter.

LASH TO "REDEEM HONOUR"

For forty-five minutes two pretty girls mercilessly lashed with a cat-o'-nine-tails the bare body of Max Caldwell, prominent university athlete, "as redemption of honour."

This happened at Camdenton, Missouri. Standing near, urging them to lash hard, stood Dr. Robert Murrell, fiancé of Hilda Rhodes, one of the girls whom Caldwell is alleged to have betrayed during a gay party a year ago.

When Murrell proposed the other day to blonde Hilda, she whispered to him the story of the betrayal.

"Then before I marry you I want you to atone yourself," Murrell told her.

"Pull Off Your Shirt"

So the other day Murrell invited Caldwell to his home. "Pull off your shirt and lie on the floor," Murrell ordered him.

Hilda and her close friend, Aldythea Keith, entered the room. Murrell handed the cat-o'-nine-tails to Hilda, and she lashed Caldwell until she was exhausted. Then on Murrell's orders Aldythea continued the lashing.

All three were arrested. Caldwell denied having betrayed Miss Rhodes.

C.C. WANG'S POINTED LETTER

Dr. C. C. Wang, formerly Director-General of the Chinese Eastern Railway and now Director of the Chinese Government Railways Purchasing Commission in London, wrote a letter to the "Manchester Guardian" on July 7, drawing attention to "an Anglo-American puzzle which has been torturing our mind," namely, the oil supply to Japan.

"The Chinese people are grateful for the English-speaking people's sympathy and help," Dr. Wang wrote. "The principal reason why Japan hesitates to march to the South Seas is because with the China war on her shoulders, she finds it dangerous to grab the golden fruit, even though ripe and near at hand."

"For four years the two best friends of China have been supplying all oil used for the purposes of 'beating China to her knees', and slaughtering the Chinese people. If there were any reason of the high policy in the past for appeasement, certainly such reason must have lost all validity now."

Dr. Wang concluded by pointing out that the indirect harm is no less serious, for "it takes the wind out of the sails of the great Democracies' declared purpose of fighting anti-aggression wherever it be." — Central News.

VICEROY VISITING PRESIDENCIES

It was announced in Simla yesterday that the Viceroy, who is anxious to renew contacts and see the progress of the war effort in Madras and Bombay, will visit the two presidencies. He will probably leave Simla for this purpose at the end of July, returning in the third week of August.—Reuter.

NO BRITISH FEELINGS OF ENMITY

Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, Minister for Information, speaking in London yesterday, said Britain had no feeling of hostility or enmity against the Frenchmen who obeyed the orders of the Vichy Government.

"We only hope that this unfortunate hostility will be forgotten as soon as possible," he said.—Reuter.

RESERVOIRS OVERFLOW

THE RETURN ISSUED BY THE WATER AUTHORITY THIS MORNING REVEALS THAT ALL RESERVOIRS ON THE ISLAND ARE OVERFLOWING AND THAT ON THE MAINLAND, ONLY JUBILEE RESERVOIR IS BELOW CAPACITY LEVEL. JUBILEE IS STILL 15 FEET 6 INCHES BELOW OVERFLOW.

Total in storage on both sides of the harbour is 5,419 million gallons.

Consumption during June totalled 1,012 million gallons. Rainfall varied from 25.18 inches recorded at the Royal Observatory to 16 inches at Tytam, eight inches at Fanling, 14 inches in the Shing Mun area and 14 inches in the Kowloon Reservoir area.

DE GAULLE AND DENTZ REQUEST

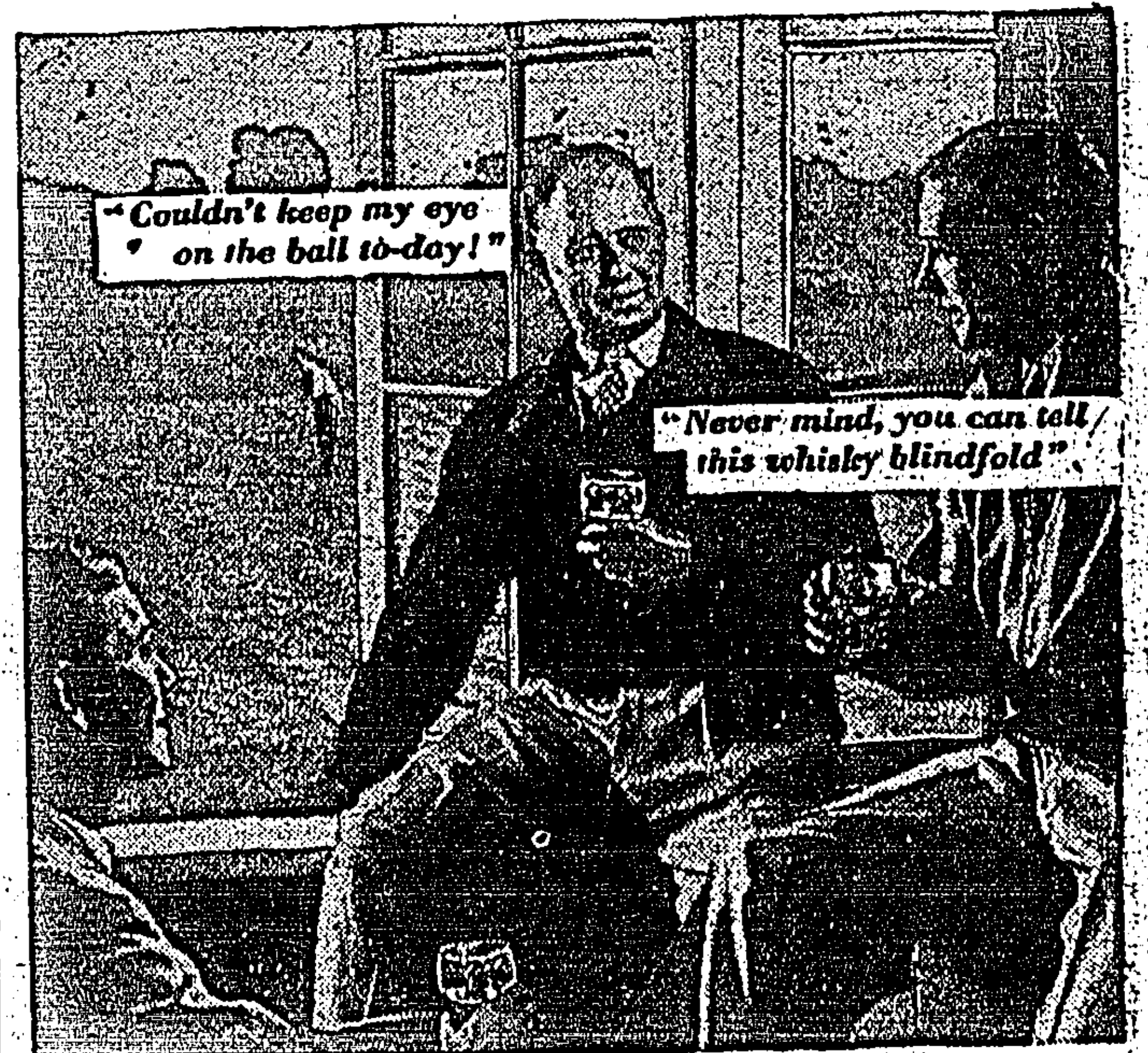
The Political Directorate of Free French states, regarding General Dentz's request for a Syrian armistice; "It was only under the necessity of freeing the Near East of Nazi influence that Allied forces entered Syria."

"For the Free French forces, who fully endorsed this action, it was extremely unpalatable, because they knew they would find in front of them French troops misled by the bad shepherds of Vichy who were expected to fight for Germany."

"In consequence, Free French were particularly happy to hear of the request for an armistice. They hope it will be possible to conclude the hostilities, overthrow the German threat to the Middle East and bring independence to Syria and Lebanon within the framework of the treaty of alliance with France, whose historical connections with the Levant will thus be preserved."

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Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	2866	New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2866 Junction of Un Chau Street and Fat Tseung Street, Cheung Sha Wan.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 18,360	\$252 \$11,016

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,102.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. ft.	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	4311	Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4311 Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road & Mok Cheong Street, Ma Tau Chung.	N. S. E. W. ft. ft. ft. ft.	As per sale plan	About 14,880	\$170 \$11,160

The purchaser of the lot will be required to pay to the auctioneer in cash the sum of \$1,116.00 (being 10% of the upset price) immediately after the fall of the hammer, the balance of the premium being paid in accordance with the Conditions of Sale.

BRIDGE NOTES

TURNABOUT

By The Four Aces

Turnabout is fair play, according to the old adage; and in today's hand we see West using, as a defender, a weapon usually employed by the Declarer.

North, Dealer

East-West vulnerable

NORTH

♠ 10 5
♥ A 10 8 5 2
♦ Q 7
♣ A K 8 3

WEST

♠ K Q J 3
♥ K J
♦ K 8 2
♣ J 9 6 2

EAST

♠ 9 7 6 4
♥ Q 5 6 4
♦ 6 5
♣ Q 7 4

SOUTH

♠ A 8 2
♥ 7 3
♦ A J 10 9 4 3
♣ 10 6

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1♥	Pass	2♦	Pass
2♥	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

South's contract was ambitious, it must be admitted, but it would have been fulfilled if the diamond King had been located in the East hand or if the defence had made a not improbable mistake.

West opened the King of spades, East playing the encouraging seven, and South won at once with the spade Ace. A holdup of the spade Ace, South reasoned, was pointless since the contract hinged on the diamond finesse. If it succeeded, no spade holdup was necessary; if the finesse failed, West would gain the lead to run his spades in spite of any holdup by South.

Declarer next led a club to dummy's King and returned the Queen of diamonds for a finesse. It was at this point that West decided turnabout was fair play. He simply refused to win the first diamond trick with his King.

The play was simple enough but the effect was devastating. Declarer led another diamond from the dummy, finessing again (for West had refused the trick without telltale hesitation). West accepted the trick this time—and South was unable ever again to get back to his own hand. Good management enabled him to win six tricks—but it's a pretty sad business when you have to play carefully to be set only three tricks!

Note particularly that South would have made his contract if West had taken the first diamond trick. The defence could take three spades and the diamond King, but South would make game with five diamonds, three side Aces, and the club King.

Yesterday you were Howard Schenken's partner and with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A J 9 8
♥ K 10 4
♦ K 5
♣ J 9 8 7

The bidding:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	(?)	Pass

ANSWER: Bid one spade. The hearts are not strong enough for a double raise, the hand is not quite strong enough for a jump to two no-trump, and there is no good reason to suppress the spades in any event.

Score 100% for one spade, 30% for two no-trump, 20% for either two or three hearts.

Question No. 764

To-day you hold the same hand, and the bidding continues:

Schenken	Jacoby	You	Maler
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♦	Pass	(?)	Pass

What do you bid? (Answer tomorrow.)

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CRASH KILLS R.A.F. MEN

Flying-Officer Ralph Scott, born at Dagenham, and Leading Aircraftman John Rogers Talbot, Cox, a Middlesex man, were killed when a Harvard training plane crashed near Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan.

BRITISH SOLDIERS

ESCAPED BY 1,200 MILE HIKE

TWO BRITISH SOLDIERS, captured in Northern France, lay in a ditch a few miles beyond an East Prussian prison camp and plotted by the stars a course to liberty. Then they shook hands and went stealthily into the night.

Weeks afterwards they shook hands again, two men who had dared all—and won through.

Their escape, revealed in the House of Commons, had taken them nearly 1,200 miles, from Prussia into Poland, into Hungary, Czechoslovakia, into Yugoslavia, into Greece, and so to safety.

All the time as they travelled southwards a great silence was round them, for the Foreign Secretary told M.P.s they could not speak one word of the language of any of the countries through which they passed.

The sun and the stars alone had any message for them, and that message kept them going.

Imagine their hardships as warm days and nights of autumn went and the mists and snowstorms came.

Every Day Harder

Every day for two wearied men the journey was harder; some days they must have made only a few miles, sometimes, no doubt, they crept under the tarpaulins of goods trucks and waited for the wheels to start up their staccato freedom song.

They "won" their food where they could as they went through war-torn, starving Poland; through Yugoslavia still held undecided by the dictates of her Regent Prince.

They drank from streams; they snatched sleep, but they never knew rest.

After a mile, and every one of them hard-won. At the end of 1,200 miles, they were in Athens.

So two men gained freedom. Now they are again fighting on its side.

They have rejoined their units in the Western Desert.

"NONCONFORMISTS IN ARMY PERSECUTED"

A soldier who asked a sergeant if he might attend service was told there were more important things than—religion, declared the Rev. W. Tootell, at the Birmingham Methodist Synod.

The President of the Methodist Church (Dr. Henry Bett) said there was something like persecution on Nonconformists. They were put on fatigue while Anglicans were allowed to go to church.

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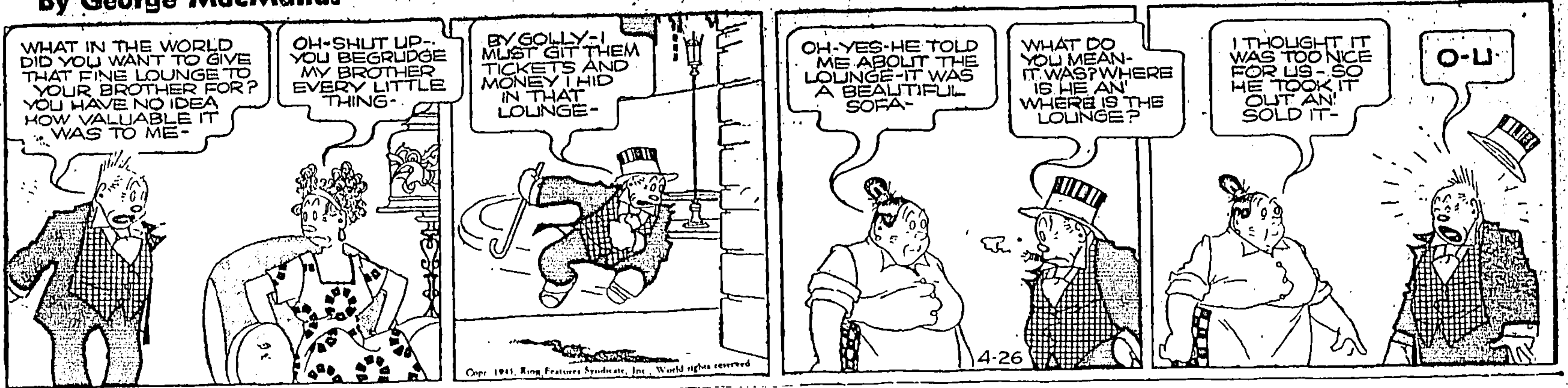
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Hong Kong, 8th July, 1940.

By George MacManus

Bringing Up Father



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

It Ears Stick Out, Paste Them Back This Way

Mothers of children, and many grown girls, write and ask me how they can train their ears to be flat.

Some doctors advocate little scientific caps for young children, which keep the ears pressed back while they sleep. But the efficacy of this treatment has been questioned—it may work while the ear is still soft when the child is very young.

But there is one sure way for grown girls to keep their ears from sticking out and spoiling their beauty, and it is so simple that I wonder all of us have not thought about doing it before. One of those Hollywood wizards told me about it.

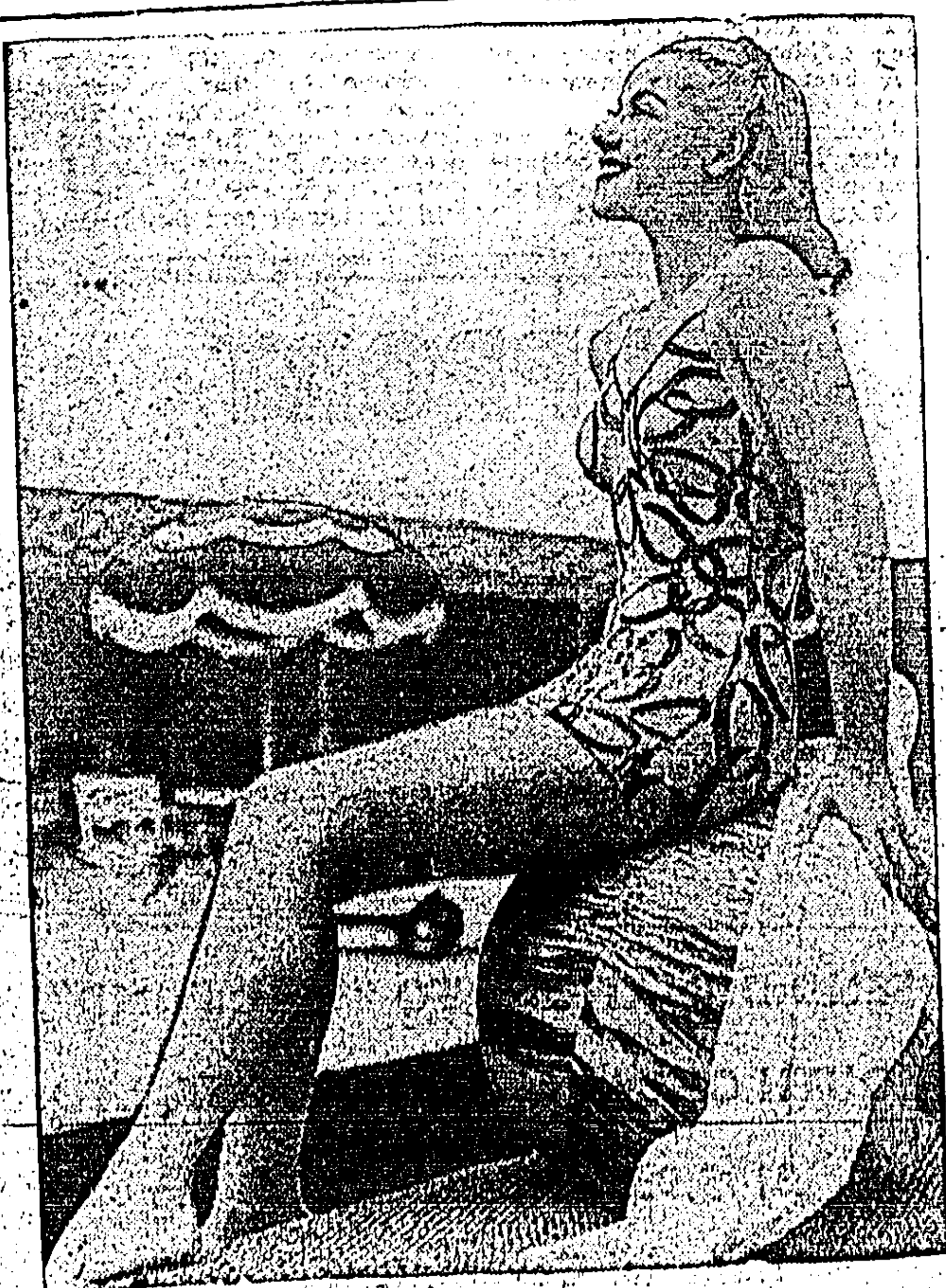
You buy some liquid adhesive in a drug store. Squeeze out some and put it in back of the upper part of the ear. Press back the ear on it and do the same on the other side. Then wind a fishnet cap, or a headache band tightly around your head and leave it on for ten or fifteen minutes until the adhesive is dry. Your ears will stay in place until night time, when you roll off the adhesive with your fingers. It rolls off like a thick gum.

Do be careful to keep it on your ear and not get it into your hair—for it will pull out the hair.

So those of you who have an ear problem can now wear your hair combed high without being sensitive about your beauty! It's



A Cape Cod fishnet hair band is wonderfully cool for summer when you roll up your ends on curlers or pins. It is also handy to use when you give your skin a facial.



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are a couple of men who would like to know about it!

Suggestion For Triple Beauty Treatment

When your energy is lower than usual, the day hot and you need to pep up your appearance in a jiffy you might give yourself a three-in-one beauty treatment which will add to your beauty considerably.

Brush your hair well. Roll up the ends on curlers or pins after dampening them slightly with a quick-set lotion diluted in water.

If you must paste back your ears, do so as instructed above. Wrap your head in a fishnet cap and proceed to cleanse your face with cream. Then wash it well with warm water (not soap this time) and apply one of those film-like masques which take only fifteen or twenty minutes to whip up your skin circulation and bring freshness to your face.

Then wash your hands (literally) with a good lotion and slip them into a pair of gloves. When thus anointed lie down on your bed with your feet higher than your head—you know the beauty angle posture. Your head lower than your waistline, and your waistline lower than your feet. Forget about the world for fifteen minutes and you will be surprised with the beauty who steps out from under the tepid shower which should follow the little doze!

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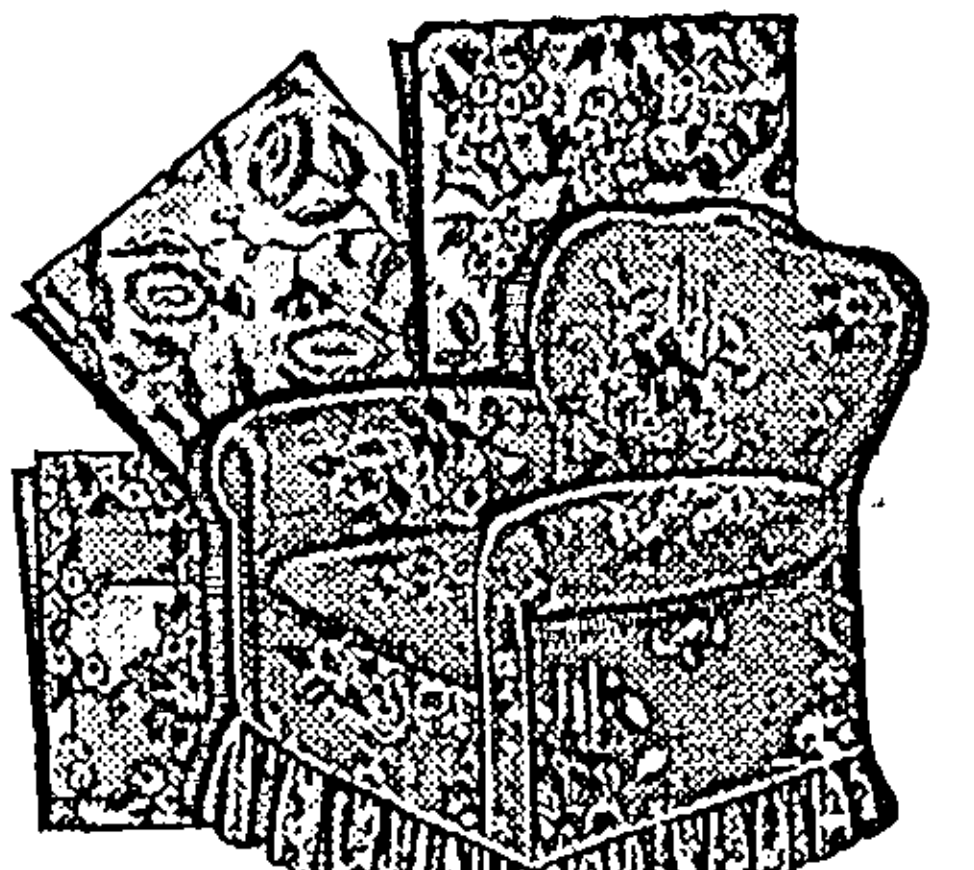
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Egon Petri (Piano).7.08 p.m.—Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) and Joseph Szigeti (Violin).
Das Madchen Spricht, Op. 107, No. 3; Standchen, Op. 106, No. 1 (Brahms).
Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Piano.

Nigun (Improvisation from 'Baal Shem'—Bloch) Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano accomp.

Caprice Viennoise (Kreisler) Elisabeth Schumann (Soprano) with Orchestra.

Adagio in E (Tartini—arr. Ondricek) Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano.

Vogel Lied, Op. 41, No. 4 (Weingartner) Elisabeth Schumann (Sop.) with Orchestra.

Rondo (from 'Sonata in D Major'—Schubert) Joseph Szigeti (Violin) with Piano accomp.

7.30 p.m.—Orchestra Raymonde and Georges Thill (Tenor).
Tritsch, Tritsch—Polka (J. Strauss); The Grand Duchess—Galop (Offenbach) Orchestra Raymonde.

Ouvre Ton Coeur (Spanish Serenade—Bizet). Nuit D'Espagne (from 'Scenes Pittoresques'—Massenet) Georges Thill (Tenor) with Piano.

A Musical Snuff Box (Lindow); Parade of the City Guards (Jessel) Orchestra Raymonde.

Fortunio (Messager) Georges Thill with Orchestra.

Poupee Valsante (Poldini); The Dancing Clock (Ewing) Orchestra Raymonde.

8.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.15 p.m.—London Relay—War Commentary.

8.25 p.m.—London Relay—'Listening Post'. Examination of Points in Daily German & Italian Propaganda.

8.30 p.m.—Programme Summary.

8.32 p.m.—The Bohemians and Hildegard (Vocal).
Summer Breezes (King); Daddy Long Legs (Wright) The Bohemians.

A Room With A View (from 'This Year of Grace'); I'll See You Again (from 'Bitter Sweet') Hildegard (Vocal) with Orchestra.

My Dream—Waltz (Waldeufel); Moss Rose—Waltz (Bose) The Bohemians with Vocal Effects.

The Glory of Love (Billy Hill) Hildegard (Vocal) with Carroll Gibbons & his Boy Friends.

A Day In Tyrol (Romer & Faun); Swing Me Up Higher (A Fair Ground Fantasy—Mackeben) The Bohemians.

9.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Announcements.

9.02 p.m.—Mendelssohn—Songs Without Words.

Sadness of Soul (F major, Op. 53, No. 4); Lost Illusion (F sharp minor, Op. 67, No. 2); Vespertan Gondola Song No. 2 (F sharp minor, Op. 50, No. 6); Lost Happiness (C minor, Op. 38, No. 2) Ignaz Friedman (Piano).

9.15 p.m.—Studio—Local Newsletter.

9.30 p.m.—Concert Waltzes.
Danube Legends (Julius Fucik, Op. 233); Court Ball Dances—Waltz (Lanner, Op. 101) Orchestra Mascotte.

My Darling Waltz ('The Gipsy Baron'—J. Strauss) State Opera Orch.

9.45-10.00 p.m.—News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.45 p.m.—Louis Levy & His Orchestra. 'Sweethearts'—Selection (Wright, Herbert & Others).

'Everybody Sing'—Film Selection (Kaper & Jurmann).

10.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and News Commentary.

10.15 p.m.—Dance Music.
Fox-Trots—Some Day My Prince Will Come; Whistle While you Work (Both from 'Snow White & the Seven Dwarfs') (Morey & Churchill) The Orchestra of Merry Men.

Quickstep—Fall in and Fly (Noel Gay); Waltz—Easy Street (Gay & Butler) Billy Cotton & his Band.

Fox-Trots—Playmates (Dowell); It's Funny to Everyone but Me (Lawrence) Harry Roy & his Orch.

Fox-Trots—Can't You Tell? (Goodman); Once More (Johnson—Bradshaw) Benny Goodman & his Orchestra.

Fox-Trot—The Lady on the Second Floor (Woods-Dixon); Quickstep—It's In The Air (Parr-Davies) Brian Lawrence & his Lansdowne Orchestra.

Fox-Trots—Klondike Kate (Conner & Lisbon); The King's Navee (Dunn) Jack Jackson & his Orchestra.

Tango Medley—Intro: Rosita; Jealousy; Julian; Waltz Medley—Intro: Always; All Alone; What'll I do (Irving Berlin) Joe Loss & his Band.

11.00 p.m.—London Relay—Sir Dennis Bray on 'India'.

11.15 p.m.—Close down.

Speeding Up Shipping

Far-reaching proposals for transferring Table Bay harbour, Capetown, from a peacetime footing and routine to a wartime footing, and thereby speeding up British shipping, will shortly be put before the South African Minister of Railways by a strong deputation of Capetown shipping and commercial leaders.

It is proposed to institute a 24-hour a day and a seven-day a week service.—Reuter.

SCOUTS HAVE 178 DIFFERENT WAR JOBS

IN A ROOM decorated with Baden-Powell's paintings wearing the green and yellow riband of the highest Scout decoration, the Silver Wolf, Lord Somers, the new-Chief Scout, sits for three days every week carrying on Baden-Powell's work.

Nobody has inherited the title of Chief Scout of the World, but 54-year-old Lord Somers is Chief Scout of the Empire, leading half a million boys in Britain and twice as many overseas.

Scouts, he told the "News Chronicle", are doing 178 different war jobs, including fire-spotting, rescuing furniture, acting as messengers and telephonists, working in rest centres and ambulances.

One troop has trained to help in operating theatres. They put up Morrison indoor shelters and even collect medicinal herbs.

One G.C., Eight G.M.s

Apart from numbers of Scout decorations for gallantry they have won eight George Medals and one George Cross. One lad who had put out three incendiaries tried to put out a fourth: it was an H.E., and he was killed.

"There is no war job, save purely technical jobs, that they have not already learned," said Lord Somers. "They led the fire brigades during the big fire come from far afield into what was to the firemen strange country. Scouts met them on the outskirts and took them direct to their objectives."

"Sea scouts are in demand as signallers and 400 of them have been co-opted for service in convoys already. As more and more reach the age of 18, they will be taken into the service."

The Scout movement, he added, is looking forward to re-creating its international character after the war.

CAN'T GET IN OWN HOUSES

By a decision given by Judge Bensley Wells, K.C., at Southwark (London) County Court, landlords will be unable to get possession of their unoccupied houses unless the law is altered.

In order to enter houses left furnished since the blitz landlords have to serve notice to quit. As they do not know where the tenants are, they have pinned notices on the doors.

When summonses were heard for possession of houses the Judge said he considered it was the landlord's duty to produce evidence that notice had been brought to the knowledge of the tenant.

Judgment was given for the rent due, but the claims for possession were adjourned for proof of service of notice to quit.

ONLY ONE ARM BUT HE DODGED THE NAZIS

A British officer who lost an arm and was taken prisoner at Dunkirk has escaped from his Nazi captors.

This was revealed by the announcement that Lieutenant J. M. Langley, M.C., has been awarded the O.B.E. Lieutenant Langley is the son of Mr. F. O. Langley, magistrate at Old Street Police Court.

He won his M.C. during the rearguard action fought by the Coldstream Guards on the banks of the Yser Canal during the Dunkirk evacuation.

While he was operating a Bren gun from a Belgian cottage, a shell burst and wounded him. Only the immediate amputation of his left arm could save his life, and it was done.

Lieutenant Langley was unable to wade through the water to the waiting ships off Dunkirk and had to be left at a casualty station with other wounded men. With them he was captured by the Germans.

COLONIAL EXPORT SURPLUSES

Arrangements have been made to help colonial dependencies in disposal of export surpluses arising from loss of markets and shipping difficulties.

The Colonial Under-Secretary, making this statement in the Commons, added these had been framed in the light of general principles governing similar arrangements with his majesty's Governments in Australia and New Zealand though not exactly in the same form.—Reuter.

DODGED FIRE WATCH: FINED

Sophocles Zisirus, employed as a waiter in the restaurant of Stagg and Russell's, Leicester Square, failed to carry out fire-prevention duties allotted to him and was prosecuted at Bow Street and convicted and fined £5.

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Threat To Future Stressed From The Chair

"I HAVE MENTIONED difficult trading conditions because I want to stress how our interests and our future are being threatened," declared the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, Chairman of the Board of the Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited, at the annual meeting of shareholders held this morning.

In the course of his report, the Chairman disclosed a profit of £237,319.15.10 for the last year.

The Chairman said:—

"Your Directors are pleased at being able to place before you a rather better report than last year, a result achieved not without some risk and anxiety considering our fleet was and still is operating under conditions derived from two wars.

"For the first four months of the year, our Coasting and Calcutta ships traded freely with good returns but after May 1, came under Government requisition on completion of their voyages at White Paper rates and conditions. That is how they are employed to-day.

"It must not be forgotten that as I said last year the greater part of our River fleet was laid up, the Yangtze closed to all but Japanese tonnage. Some of our River vessels lie above Kiangyin and as the Japanese contend that that part of the River is within the area of hostilities, although their own commercial craft ply there with comparative freedom, we are unable even to shift our ships to a place of safety.

"You will remember it was under such conditions that the Company sustained severe casualties estimated at about £113,000; our claims at the time were presented to the Japanese Government through our Consular Officials but these have not been paid yet. But most of the Company's River tonnage that was available to us has been requisitioned.

Not Easy

"I would again repeat that trading on the China Coast has not been easy since most of the ports have been blockaded and those that are open to us still are affected by complex currency problems to name one of the evils left in the wake of a war which has been going on since 1937. Fortunately the Company's activities are not confined to the China Coast alone and the ships engaged in our long established trades with North Borneo, the Straits and India have fared better.

"Once more I thank, and never more gratefully, the Royal Navy, the Government of Hong Kong and His Majesty's Consular Officials for the invaluable assistance they have always so readily given. With the outlook so clouded the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd. is particularly grateful for their help. The Company depends on the efficiency and loyalty of its Floating and Shore staffs and as always these have been faithfully given without stint wherever the ships might be. Never has the uninterrupted flow of sea-borne traffic been more important and never has that importance been better realised by sailors.

Requisitioning

"I have mentioned difficult trading conditions because I want to stress how our interests and our future are being threatened. Requisitioning for the moment is right and proper but it takes little thought for the future; in the Far East shipping has had to depend on the abnormal and the profits and depreciation we are allowed to-day will not of themselves provide us with all we shall require in the future nor indeed go any distance along that path. But requisitioning was essential, no getting away from that, and this Company is fortunate in having built or bought over the last few years seven coasters and a Sandakan motor ship with an Upper River steamer now serving her country elsewhere. Broadly speaking this Company unfortunately cannot buy ready made ships, nor does a ready market for its ships exist

off the coast of China; Calcutta, Coast and River, all these vessels are specialised.

"But pace requisition, there's a belief abroad that shipping people and shipping concerns roll in untold gold. Since I've been in this chair I haven't noticed it. Going back to 1907, the preferred shareholders have received a yearly average of 4.41% against the 6% they had the right to expect; 9 years of cumulative dividend outstand.

"To sum up, in war time requisitioning is good and right and proper; in peace time some reverse process is required to carry British shipping to that day of emergency when once again it will be recognised as a national asset.

"I quote from a report of the Imperial Shipping Committee:

We have reviewed the difficulties of British Shipping in the Far East in face of the organised competition of other countries and particularly of Japan. We believe that consideration should be given by the Government to the practicability of the financial assistance to the shipping companies for the modernisation of their fleets as a part of the solution of their difficulties. It would appear wise to anticipate and prepare for the impact of new forces in the balance of Oriental trade in the future."

Money To Windward

"He'p would have been welcome in 1938 and the years before. If we believe in the value of sea power and shipping—as islanders surely there's our creed—then I am very certain some form of aid will be required.

"For the moment money must be put to windward. Before the deferred shares can be of value the preferred outstandings will have to be paid off but all your directors can safely recommend at this moment is a payment of four years' preferred interest, leaving nine years to meet. For shipping is a business of ups and downs more downs than ups and history shows how very essential it is to guard the profits of the better years.

"Turning to the Accounts themselves you will see from the Profit and Loss Account that the net balance of Steamers Working is £361,061.17.11d., net gain on Unit Sold £120.11.0d. and Transfer Fees £73.7.6d. For the purposes of comparison last year's figures are also shown in the Report. After providing for Depreciation £101,758.13.10d. and £22,177.6.9d. for all other liabilities there remains a profit of £237,319.15.10d. which has been carried forward to the Appropriation Account.

"With the balance brought forward from 1939 of £19,746.13.3d. the amount available in the Appropriation Account is £257,066.9.1d.

"The Directors propose to transfer £180,000 to General Reserve and to pay a dividend on the preferred ordinary shares for the years 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931, a total of £59,506.16.0d. to carry forward unappropriated to 1941 £17,559.13.1d.

"Directors' fees have been paid for the first time since 1930.

Value Of Ships

"In the Balance Sheet the Book Value of steamships etc. now stands at £949,000 as compared with £940,000 last year. This is due to additions to the fleet during the year of £110,758.13.10d. less £101,758.13.10d. depreciation written off.

"Under Current Assets the sum

LOCAL SHARES

BANKS
Hong Kong Bank \$1375 b.
Bank of East Asia \$72 b.

INSURANCES
Canton Ins. \$225 b., \$230 sa.
Union Ins. \$395 b.
H.K. Fire Ins. \$185 b.

SHIPPING
Indo-Chinas (Pref.) \$80 b.
Indo-Chinas (Def.) \$65 b.

DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.

H.K. Docks \$15.70 s.
Providents \$5.85 b., \$6 s., \$5.-85/80 sa.

LANDS, HOTEL & BLDGS.

H.K. and S. Hotels \$3.45 b.
H.K. Lands \$35.35 b., \$35 1/4 s., \$35 1/2 s.
Humphreys \$6 1/2 b.
H.K. Realities \$3 1/4 b.
Chinese Estates \$100 1/2 b.

PUBLIC UTILITIES

H.K. Tramways \$17.40 b., \$17 1/4 sa.
Star Ferries \$53 1/2 b.
China Lights (Old) \$5.85 b.
China Lights (New) \$1.35 b.
H.K. Electrics (Old) \$22 1/4 b.
H.K. Electrics (New) \$21 b.
H.K. Electrics Rights \$11 b.
Macao Electrics \$18 1/4 b.
Sandakan Lights \$12 1/4 sa.
Telephones (Old) X.D. \$22.60 b.

INDUSTRIALS

Cements \$14.70 b.
H.K. Ropes \$8.60 b., \$8.80 sa.

STORES, & C.

Dairy Farms \$19 b.
Watsons \$11 s.

LAST DAY'S SALES

50 Canton Ins. @ \$230
2,500 Providents @ \$5.85
1,500 Providents @ \$5.90
875 Lands @ \$35 1/2
100 Lands @ \$35 1/4
500 Trams @ \$17 1/4
110 Sandakan Lights @ \$12 1/4
500 Ropes @ \$8.80

CHUNG HWA BOOK CO. FOUNDER PASSES

The death occurred yesterday of Mr. Loh Fei Pak-oong, member of the People's Political Council, and Founder and General Manager of the Chung Hwa Book Company, Ltd., at the age of 56 at his residence in Kowloon. He died of heart failure and is survived by a wife, a son and two daughters.—Central News.

of £143,626.4.6d. for Accounts Receivable and Agency Balances has all been accounted for since the end of the year.

"With regard to the Liabilities, General Reserve has been increased to £400,000 by transferring £180,000 from the Appropriation Account and under Unappropriated Profits is shown the carry forward to 1941 of £17,559.13.1d.

"Contingency Reserves stand at £52,584.9.7d. which is practically the same as last year.

"Current Liabilities are considerably reduced by the liquidation of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation Loan Account.

"The Contingent Liability for Cumulative Preferred Dividends from 1932 to 1940 inclusive (nine years) amounts to £133,890.6.0d.

"With these remarks, Gentlemen, I have now to propose that the Report and Statement of Accounts as presented be adopted, that a dividend of 6/- per share on the Cumulative Preferred Ordinary Shares for the years 1928, 1929, 1930 and 1931, be paid, that £180,000 be transferred to General Reserve, that £17,559.13.1d. be carried to next year's account and that the dividend on Preferred Ordinary Shares on the Hong Kong Register be paid at the rate of 1/2, 7/8 per dollar, being the T.T. rate of exchange on December 31, 1940."

The Resolution was adopted, the appointment of Mr. L. J. Davies as a Director was confirmed and Mr. S. T. Williamson was re-elected to the Board of Directors. Messrs. John Fleming and A. Ritchie were reappointed auditors for the current year at a remuneration of \$8,000.

SAME RISK, BUT GOT LESS FOR IT

Working side by side through fire blitzes with regular firemen, doing the same jobs, running the same risks, A.F.S. men feel they deserve equal compensation. But they do not get it.

Auxiliary fireman Bush, of Charteris Road, Kilburn, worked with regular firemen in a London fire blitz. He and a regular fireman ran through a wall of flame. Wood blocks in the street were blazing. Their hands and faces were badly burned.

Together the men went to hospital. A.F.S. man Bush was given £3 10s. a week—his full pay—for three months and then discharged, although he was still in hospital. The regular fireman was given six months' full pay.

Protest By Union

Bush is now keeping his wife and child on 39s. a week public assistance, while his comrade is getting full pay.

"The Fire Brigades' Union has protested against this differential treatment," an official said. "All firemen should be given the same injury pay." "There were five of us trapped by a falling wall," Bush told the "Daily Mirror." "We all got badly burned. I was in bed for nine weeks, and nearly lost the sight of one eye."

"The A.F.S. Benevolent Fund gave my wife £3 9s a week after my wages stopped."

WATER-POLO RESULTS

Following were the results of matches played in the European Y.M.C.A. Invitation Water-Polo Tournament last evening:—

"Y" POOL		"B" POOL	
Y.M.C.A.	9 Small Units	1	Macdonald.
Wilson (3).			
May (2).			
C. Goldman (2).			
R. Goldman, Benn.			
Navy "C" (4).			
Gardner			
5th A.A. Regt.			
R.A.	5	96th R.A.	1
Elblin (2).		Whittle (scored into own goal).	
Clarke.			
MacAlister.			
Yabsley.			
Royal Scots "A" (7)		8th R.A.	1
Hunter (2).		Chiu Kwok-wing.	
Miller (2).			
Byrne, Jordan.			
Bennett.			

League Table To Date

	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
Signals	12	12	0	0	63	8	24
Middlesex "A"	10	9	1	0	50	10	18
Y.M.C.A.	11	9	2	0	53	12	18
Combined Small							
Units	14	8	5	1	40	39	17
R. Navy "A"	11	8	3	0	46	24	16
R. Scots "A"	13	7	6	0	39	32	14
8th. Regt. R.A.	10	6	3	2	27	30	12
R. Navy "C"	12	4	6	2	31	38	10
Middlesex "B"	8	3	5	0	18	25	6
5th. A.A. Regt.							
R.A.	11	2	7	2	24	33	6
R. Navy "B"	10	2	7	1	11	43	5
96th. Bty. R.A.	11	0	9	2	16	51	2
Royal Scots "B"	8	0	7	1	5	32	1
36th. Bty. R.A.	8	0	7	1	9	39	1

CHINA FIRE DIVIDEND

The China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. announces that, subject to audit, the Directors will recommend the payment of a Dividend of \$12 per share and a Bonus Dividend of \$8 per share for the year ended December 31, 1940. The Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at noon on July 25, 1941.

THE WING ON BANK, LIMITED.

Head Office: Hong Kong, 26, Des Voeux Road, Central.
Authorized Capital ... \$10,000,000

LONDON BANKERS:
Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Foreign Exchange and every description of banking business transacted.

Current Accounts and Savings Accounts opened. Fixed Deposits received at rates which will be quoted on application.

Safe Deposit Boxes for hire.

PHILIP GOCKCHIN, Chief Manager.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000
Issued and Fully Paid-up ... \$20,000,000
Reserve Funds:—
Sterling £ 6,500,000
Hong Kong Currency Reserve \$10,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$20,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: HONG KONG.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson,

Chairman.

W. H. Lock, Esq.,

Deputy Chairman.

J. E. Bonfield, Esq., G. Miskin, Esq.,
A. H. Compton, Esq., K. S. Morrison, Esq.,
L. J. Davies, Esq., Hon. Mr. T. B. Phipps,
Hon. Mr. S. H. Dodwell, Hon. Mr. A. L. Shields,
Sir Vandevelde M. Grayburn a
Chief Manager.

BRANCHES:—

Amoy	Iloilo	Rangoon
Bangkok	Ipoh	Seigon
Batavia	Jobore	San Francisco
Bombay	Kobe	Shanghai
Calcutta	Kuala Lumpur	Shanghai
Canton	London	Sourabaya
Cebu	Lyons	Sungai Patai
Colon	Malacca	Swatow
Dairen	Manila	Tientsin
Pootow	Muar (Johore)	Tokyo
Haiphong	Nankai	Tsingtao
Hankow	New York	Yokohama
Hankow	Peking	
Hankow	Pusan	

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in Local Currency and FIXED DEPOSITS received for One Year or shorter periods in Local and Other Currencies on terms which will be quoted on application.

SAFE DEPOSIT BOXES of various sizes to let.

TRUSTEE and EXECUTOR business undertaken.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1941.

HONG KONG SAVINGS BANK.

The Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application. FOR THE HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. V. M. GRAYBURN, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 1st March, 1937.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

Paid-up Capital £3,000,000
Reserve Fund £3,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors £3,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON:

88, Bishopsgate, E.C.2.

117/122, Leadenhall Street, E.C.3.

West End Branch:

14/16, Cockspur Street, S.W.1.

Manchester Branch:

52, Mosley Street, Manchester, 2

AGENCIES AND BRANCHES:

Alor Star	Hankow	Penang
Amritsar	Hong Kong	Rangoon
Bangkok	Iloilo	Saigon
Batavia	Ipoh	Seigon
Bombay	Kuala Lumpur	Sourabaya
Calcutta	Kyauhsai	Singapore
Canton	Kyauhsai	Singapore
Cebu	Kyauhsai	Singapore
Colon	Kyauhsai	Singapore
Dairen	Kyauhsai	Singapore
Haiphong	Kyauhsai	Singapore

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for One Year or shorter periods in Local or Other Currencies at rates which will be quoted on application.

SAVINGS ACCOUNTS also opened in Local Currency and Sterling with interest allowed at rates obtainable on application.

The Bank's Head Office in London undertakes Executor and Trustee business, and claims recovery of British Income Tax overpaid, on terms which may be ascertained at any of the Agencies and Branches.

W. H. EVANS THOMAS, Manager.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE:

15, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.3.

Authorized Capital £3,000,000

Subscribed Capital 1,000,000

Paid-up Capital 1,050,000

Reserve Fund & Rest 1,254,039

BANKERS:

The Bank of England and Midland Bank, Ltd.

BRANCHES:

Bangkok	Jaffa	Madras
Bombay	Kanton	New York
Calcutta	Kobe	Penang
Canton	Kyauhsai	Rangoon
Cebu	Kyauhsai	Shanghai
Colon	Kyauhsai	Singapore
Dairen	Kyauhsai	Singapore
Haiphong	Kyauhsai	Singapore
Hankow	Kyauhsai	Singapore
Hankow	Kyauhsai	Singapore

HONG KONG BRANCH

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

TRUSTEE and EXECUTORSHIP UNDERTAKEN.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened in Local Currency and FIXED DEPOSITS received in Local Currency & STERLING on terms that may be ascertained on application.

D. BENSON, Manager.

TOURING FOOTBALL TEAMS TO REPORT FINANCES IN 28 DAYS

Warning To Clubs To Field Best Teams Always Maximum Entrance Fee \$2 To League And Shield Matches



Some of the A.N.S. and Nuring Section of H.K.V.D.C. swimmers who will be in opposition to one another at next Saturday's gala in the Army pool in aid of the Bomber Fund.

ALTERATIONS TO RULES APPROVED BY F.A.

Following were the additions or alterations to the Rules of Hong Kong Football Association passed at the Annual General Meeting yesterday.

A club having no playing grounds of its own and having made arrangements with another club for the use of its ground shall notify the Association of such arrangement. Such ground shall be deemed the 'Home' ground of such club for all League and Shield matches. The Council may reject the use of any ground for competitive matches if in its opinion the ground is not fit for use or does not comply with the requirements of the Laws of the Game.

Playing Season

"A playing season commences on the last Saturday in September in one year and ends on the first Sunday in May of the following year. The remainder of the year shall be known as the close season. The Council shall, however, have power to extend the periods of

SANDBERG'S SUCCESS

Official result of the 25-mile bicycle race, held at Tsun Wan yesterday, under the auspices of Chinese Y.M.C.A., were announced last evening, after a final check on the times had been made by the Committee, as follows:—

1. A. J. S. Sandberg (La Salle) 1 hr. 39 mins. 21 secs.
2. Kwong Man-sui (St. Joseph's) 1 hr. 44 mins. 24 secs.
3. Ip Wing Keen (St. Joseph's) 1 hr. 45 mins. 17 secs.

It must have been gratifying to the organisers that every one of the 39 competitors completed the race, which was also not marred by any mishaps. Following are the 'also rans', though the order in which their names are given does not signify the positions in which they finished.

Misses Hung Shu-chiu and Cheung Chung-man, and Lai Chi-sang, Ip Chung-pui, Chan Ming-fai, Pun Sui-choon, Sun Wing-fat, Kwong Chak-chuen, Leung Kai-lu, Yam Kwan-san, Yeung Chung-lam, Lee Kee-chuen, Lee Hing-lau, Chan Sin-yun, Chan Wah-cheuk, Chan Kam-chung, Kwan Fook-choon, Fung Ka-cheung, Chan Fook-seng, Lee Kan-sum, Lau Kam-pak, Leung Yul-tong, Liu Fu-hung, Woo Kan-fu, Lee Chun-man, Lai Kwok-chung, Sun Sun-cheong, Kwok Chak-chuen, Chui Shin-cheong, Woo Ping-ye, Lee Kwok-hing, Lee Kit-ling, Kwong Wing-sing, Tsang Mun-choi, Wong Kuen-yue and Poon San-kee.

Following will represent Trojans Basketball team against Hong Kong Police at Chinese Y.M.C.A. on Saturday, at 4 p.m.:—Bill Silva, Henry Silva, Tony Silva, H. Osmund, Charlie Figueredo, B. Neves, D. Aquino, Poon Kwong-yim, Tack Put-yung and N. Beltrao.

Ciro's Skating Rink will entertain a team from Empress Skating Rink to a hockey game on skates on Saturday evening, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Following will represent the visitors:—H. E. Eadala Silva, Francisco Soares and Alex Olson; C. Rozario, Eric Olson and J. Gomes. Reserves:—R. E. Russell and Peter Rozario.

The first six of the 64 qualifiers for today's First Round Match Play Professional Golf Association Tournament at Denver, Colorado, with Tuesday's scores given first are:—Sam Sneed (69, 69=138); E. J. Harrison (69, 71=140); Ben Hogden (71, 69=140); Jim Donahoe (72, 68=140); Henry Ransom (71, 69=140); and George Fazio (70, 70=140).—Reuter.

playing, as from time to time, in their discretion, shall be deemed necessary.

Tours

"Any Club proposing to make a tour or tours out of the Colony shall obtain the sanction of the Association. All Clubs must submit a financial statement of such tour within 28 days of return subject to any extension by the Council.

"No Club shall invite the players of other clubs to take part in any tour without the permission of clubs concerned, and clubs concerned shall notify the Association. Such permission shall not be necessary during the close season.

"Each Club shall play its full strength in all matches under the jurisdiction of this Association unless some satisfactory explanation not being satisfactory the offending club will be dealt with under Rule 53. Any Club proved to have been responsible for a late start in a match or field an incomplete team without sufficient reason shall be liable to be dealt with under Rule 53.

"Each member of the Council shall be furnished with an admission card (which shall not be transferable) and, except in the case of charity matches, all clubs affiliated to this Association shall admit the holder and two companions to their grounds and stands upon production of such admission card.

"Each referee or linesman affiliated to this Association whose name is duly entered in the official list of active referees or linesmen of the Association shall be furnished with a referee or linesman's card (which shall not be transferable) and, except in the case of charity matches, all clubs affiliated to this Association shall admit the holder thereof to their grounds and stands upon production of such card."

Rules Of The League

"Each team in each division or section of a division shall play Home and Away matches with each other team in the same division or section of a division, and fixtures for each division or section of a division will be arranged by the Committee at a special meeting convened for that purpose. Notice of the meeting will be sent to the honorary secretaries of the clubs, who may attend if they desire. In a case where clubs have no grounds of their own and have made no arrangements with another club for the use of its ground, their matches shall be played on such grounds as may be determined by the Committee.

"Except with the consent of the Management Committee previously obtained, the maximum charge for admission to any match shall be \$2.00 excluding Entertainment Tax.

(This rule also applies to Challenge Shield games.)

"Referees or Linesmen appointed to officiate in matches where transportation charges to and from the field of play exceed the sum of fifty cents shall be paid the cost of such transportation in addition to their fees, such travelling expenses to be allowed shall be equivalent to first class bus and/or ferry fares, with a maximum sum of \$1.00."

Rules Of The Challenge Shield

"Except with the consent of the Council previously obtained, the maximum charge for admission to any match shall be \$2.00 excluding Entertainment Tax. All members and ticket holders must be charged for admission to the ground, enclosures and stands in all matches where gate receipt is charged. The 'home' club may, however, with the consent and concurrence of the visiting club issue complimentary tickets to its members provided that the equivalent admission fee is credited to the gross gate receipt.

"Scale of fees to be paid to referees shall be as follows:—In matches in the Senior Division, other than the semi-

Other representatives present were W. E. Hollands (Eastern), J. C. Guingam (St. Joseph's), W. M. Glover (Royal Navy), Sze Po-wai (Eastern), Sgt. Whelan (Royal Engineers), H. K. Lee (Sing Tao), T. G. Stokes (Police), E. L. Strange (Club), D. M. Mitchell (Royal Navy), Capt. Paterson (Royal Corps of Signals), Charles Yung (South China), R. Overy (Middlesex), Sgt. Matthews (Middlesex), Lieut. T. A. Pearce (5th R.A.), Sgt. Fergus (Royal Scots), L. A. Rocha (Kwong Wah), W. J. Brown (Kwong Wah), D. E. Santos (Shell Sports Club), Chang Iu-chung (Shell Sports Club), L. J. Souza (St. Joseph's), J. McKelvie (Club), J. McKelvie (Kowloon), Lee Wai-tong (South China) and Mok Hing (C.A.A.F.).

Chairman's Speech

In his review of the year the chairman said:—

"You will, I am sure, agree that the Annual Report which your Council has presented to you, showing a net profit of \$4,431.59 on last year's working, is highly satisfactory. The report is so comprehensive that I feel I need only say a few words.

"First of all, I wish to take the opportunity of congratulating all the successful Clubs.

"It is a matter of regret that, owing to the political situation, Shanghai Football Association was unable to accept our invitation to come to the Colony to participate in the annual Interport matches, but we all hope that it may be possible for them to visit us next year.

"The financial results of the charity matches have been fully set out in this report and I feel that the Association has every reason to be very proud of the fact that through the instrumentality of such matches the magnificent sum of \$20,274.84 was donated to charities.

"I would like to pay a sincere tribute to the work of the Officers of the Association and to the Council, and in particular to the members of the various committees. The report discloses the number of occasions on which the Council and the various committees met during the year. But, of course, we all know that these meetings represent

finals and finals, the sum of \$5.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$10.00 per match. In matches in the Junior Division, other than the semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$3.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$5.00 per match.

"Scale of fees to be paid to Linesmen appointed by the Association shall be as follows:—In matches in the Senior Division, other than the semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$2.00 per match and for semi-finals and finals, the sum of \$3.00 per match. In the Junior Division the sum of \$3.00 per match."

Rules Of The "Sunday Herald" Cup Competition

Referees and linesmen fees are increased in the Lal-Wah and Governor's Cup competitions while in the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup competition Referees and Linesmen, who have not been paid in past years, will be paid as provided by the following rule:—"Referees and Linesmen" will be appointed by the Referee's Sub-committee from the official list of Referees and they shall be paid as follows:—Referee \$10.00 and Linesmen \$5.00 each per match. Referees and Linesmen may however be presented with souvenirs in lieu of their fees provided that the value of such souvenirs shall not exceed the sum they are entitled hereunder."

Supporting the chairman were the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Commander H. C. Millett and Mr. W. Pryde (vice-presidents), Mr. Wong Ka-tsun (chairman) and C. A. Goldenberg (Hon. Secretary).

but a fraction of the arduous work put in by them. They deserve our warm thanks for their unremitting labour and wholehearted devotion to the interests of the Association.

"I am also sure that you will join me in expressing our appreciation to our Hon. Secretary and Assistant Hon. Secretary for their services to the Association.

"Gentlemen, I have now much pleasure in proposing the adoption of the Report and Statement of Accounts."

1941-42 Officials

Following officials were elected for the coming season:—

President:—Hon. Mr. N. L. Smith. Vice Presidents:—Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Col. L. A. Newnham and Mr. W. Pryde. Chairman:—Mr. Wong Ka-tsun. Representative of Junior Clubs:—Mr. J. C. Guingam.

Financial Statement Of Touring Teams

Regarding the proposed rule requiring clubs to submit a financial statement of tours within 14 days of their return, Mr. Hollands, of Eastern A.A., said that the time was too short, and he felt it was not possible for Clubs to make the required returns in that time. He proposed that it be amended to two months. Mr. Mok Hing, of Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, supported this and added that, from his experience with touring teams, many games were played on the eve of the departure of the team and the accounts could not be made up in that time.

Mr. Brown, of Kwong Wah, said that he was willing to allow longer time, but felt that two months was too long and that the matter might be overlooked by the Council if the returns were not sent in sooner.

It was finally agreed that 28 days was the time limit to be given clubs, subject to any extension the Council decided upon.

Full Strength

The question of a club having to play its full strength occupied some time. Lieut.-Commander G. S. Hugh-Jones, representing Royal Navy, said that the rule would make the Council the judge of what was the full strength of a club.

Mr. Mok Hing maintained that all the players were amateurs and could play when they liked.

Mr. J. McKelvie, of Kowloon Football Club, said that a Club might not like its internal affairs made public.

It was pointed out that any Club so concerned would have to give an explanation if called upon, and on this understanding the rule was adopted.

Clubs fielding incomplete teams or arriving late without sufficient reason are also to be dealt with.

Maximum Charge

Regarding the maximum amount of \$1.00 to be charged at League and Shield games as suggested, Mr. J. Skinner, of Hong Kong Club, said that the price of erection of the stands has increased considerably and proposed that the maximum be \$3.00.

Capt. Paterson, of Royal Signals, pointed out that this would be a burden on those Service men who follow soccer regularly and who would then have to pay \$2.00 to see a game only slightly better than the usual match.

After some discussion it was decided that \$2.00 would be the maximum amount to be charged at these games, but that Clubs would be requested to grant a concession in prices to Servicemen.

All the other proposed rules were adopted after very minor amendments.

Linesmen

Sgt. Whelan, of Royal Engineers, asked that the incoming Council consider

MASCAVAGE TAKES BATTING HONOURS

By "Grandstand"

FEATURING MINDANAO MACE-MAULING HIND-SNATCHER TONY MASCAVAGE'S TWO CLOTHES-LINE BLOWS TO CENTRE-FIELD, WHICH WENT FOR OUR BASES EACH, MINDANAOANS TRAMPLED OVER HONG KONG BASEBALLERS 14 TO 5 IN YESTERDAY'S TWILIGHT BASEBALL TILT.

Minnies drew first blood in the initial frame when Earl Wilson dented the counting station, and added a cluster of six markers in the second frame. Mohawks broke the ice in the third semester when Waggoner, Schaberg and Johnson romped home on five safeties. In one frame, "Doc" Moithen's double with ducks in the pond in the fourth canto added two more to the Mohawks' score column, but it was to no avail as Minnies chalked up splurges of three, one and three in the third, fourth and sixth innings to cinch the game.

3-In-3 Performance

Tony Mascavage garnered batting honours with a three-in-three performance at the platter, with two four-masters and a two-bagger, whilst both Lou Powlawski and "Doc" Moithen clouted two in four, the latter chasing in four of his mates with a pair of singles. Mindanao's slabster, Henry Ruel, fanned five in three frames, whilst Powlawski, relieving Ruel for the rest of the tussle, whiffed four. Johnnie Schaberg, who went the route for Mohawks, accounted for four via the strike-out route, but issued three free tickets to first.

Table To Date

	W.	L.	Pctg.
U.S.S. Mindanao	3	1	1,000
H.K. Brewers	4	1	800
Chung Hwa	3	1	750
U.S.S. Asheville	1	1	500
Royal Engineers	2	3	400
H.K. Baseballers	0	4	000
South China	0	3	000

DID YOU KNOW?

The big league bat must not be over two and three fourths inches in diameter at the thickest part, nor more than 42 inches in length.

the advisability of appointing linesmen for important Junior games. The president, in reply, said that the Council would do so if the clubs made the application within reasonable time.

Mr. McKelvie spoke on the matter of clubs which had no grounds of their own, approaching other clubs and bargaining for terms.

He said that there was one occasion when four senior teams were playing on the same ground and it was very hard for the committee to fix a home ground. He suggested that a meeting of the clubs concerned be called to discuss the matter and the basis on which they could acquire a ground.

Mr. Smith said that it was a good proposal and asked Mr. McKelvie to put it in writing to the League Management Committee.

Mr. H. K. Lee, at the end of the meeting, proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the chair. He said that he would like, on behalf of the other clubs to convey to Mr. Lo their congratulations on the award of the C.B.E., by His Majesty the King.

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THIRD DIVISION TENNIS RESULTS

At King's Park South China Athletic Association beat the hitherto unbeaten Army Tennis Club by 5½ sets to 3½.

K. I. Chan and H. N. Wong (S.C.A.A.) beat Emberson and Duffield 6-1
beat Webb and Denyer 6-0
beat Megson and Murray 7-5
J. Hau and K. C. Wan (S.C.A.A.) lost to Emberson and Duffield 4-6
drew with Webb and Denyer 6-6
beat Megson and Murray 6-3
H. C. Kwok and K. Sung (S.C.A.A.) lost to Emberson and Duffield 4-6
beat Webb and Denyer 7-5
lost to Megson and Murray 3-6

Indians Beaten

At Sookunpoo, Kowloon Tung Garden City Association beat Indian Recreation Club by 6 sets to 3.

A. Rahmin and I. Kitchell (I.R.C.) lost to D. Chen and A. H. Basto 2-6
lost to L. Chen and E. Penn 4-6
beat D. Kwok and H. L. Huang 6-2
M. P. Madar and A. J. Saffell (I.R.C.) lost to Chen and Basto 1-6
beat Chen and Penn 7-5
lost to Kwok and Huang 3-6
M. Hassan and A. R. H. Esmail (I.R.C.) lost to Chen and Basto 2-6
beat Chen and Penn 6-1
lost to Kwok and Huang 5-7

A Close Game

At Pokfulam, Hong Kong University Tennis Club lost to Chinese Recreation Club (1) by 5 sets to 4.

P. K. Hooi and K. Y. Tam (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to H. N. Chau and T. F. Lo 2-6
lost to C. Wei and S. Y. Tong 3-7
beat M. C. Tong and C. K. Lee 6-3
T. C. Lo and F. Liu (H.K.U.T.C.) beat Chau and Lo 6-2
beat Wei and Tong 6-4
drew with Tong and Lee 6-6
S. L. Yong and C. M. Low (H.K.U.T.C.) lost to Chau and Lo 2-6
lost to Wei and Tong 3-6
drew with Tong and Lee 6-6

Table To Date

	Sets	P.	W.	L.	D.	F.	A.	Pts.
S.C.A.A.	3	3	0	0	21½	5½	6	6
C.R.C. (2)	2	2	0	0	13	5	4	4
A.T.C.	3	2	1	0	20	7	4	4
Recreio	3	2	1	0	17½	9½	4	4
C.R.C. (1)	3	2	1	0	17½	13½	4	4
C.C.C.	4	2	2	0	18½	17½	4	4
H.K.U.T.C.	3	1	2	0	14	13	2	2
K.C.C.	3	1	2	0	6½	20½	2	2
K.I.T.C.	3	1	2	0	12½	14½	2	2
K.T.G.C.A.	3	1	2	0	9½	17½	2	2
I.R.C.	4	0	4	0	6½	29½	0	0

GUNNERS BEAT R.E.

In "B" Division of the Army Tennis League, 24th Battery, Royal Artillery, beat Royal Engineers by 2 sets to 1 at Sookunpoo yesterday.

Sgt. Kehoe and Cpl. Hawkins (R.E.) lost to L/Sgt. Warder and Sgt. Elliott, 2-6, 0-6, 2-6.

Sgt. Spencer and Cpl. Birrell (R.E.) beat B.Q.M.S. Alexander and L/Bdr Denton, 4-6, 6-1, 19-8.

L/Cpl. Smith and L/Cpl. Matthews (R.E.) lost to Capt. Simmon and Lieut Wardle, 2-6, 3-6, 0-6.

Table To Date

	Sets	W.	L.	Pts.
Royal Scots	18	17	1	17
24th Battery	18	11	7	11
36th Battery	15	10	5	10
R.A.O.C.	12	9	3	9
Royal Signals	18	8	10	8
12th Battery	6	6	0	6
Middlesex	15	5	10	5
5th A.A.	12	5	7	5
Royal Engineers	9	4	5	4
96th Battery	18	3	15	3
R.A.P.C.	21	3	18	3
R.A.M.C. "A"	6	3	3	3
R.A.M.C. "B"	3	2	1	2
R.A.S.C. "A"	6	2	4	2
R.A.S.C. "B"	3	2	1	2

GOALLESS DRAW

A keen and thrilling hockey match on roller skates was witnessed at Cro's Skating Rink, Caroline Hill, yesterday, when Hong Kong Skating Club and Cyclone Sports Club took part in a goalless match.

H.K.S.C.:—R. W. Jenner; H. W. Mok and George Yao; D. D. Nien, K. Y. Chang and J. Drewery. William Yao and Albert Lam.

Cyclone Club:—S. Bux; H. Baker and Roger; E. R. Marker, Kitchell and Walley.

A meeting of school representatives will be held at Victoria Recreation Club to-day at 3 p.m. to discuss preliminary arrangements for the inter-school swimming contest to be held shortly under the auspices of V.R.C.

Football clubs throughout England yesterday received their fixtures for the first half of next season. In the southern section there are 34 teams and in the northern 38. The programme opens on August 30 and games played then will be repeated the following Saturday on reverse grounds. Two all-London clashes mark the opening of the southern section, Brentford entertaining Fulham and Chelsea being at home to Crystal Palace. Arsenal's opening game is away against Norwich. In the north, Preston (cup holders) start with a home game against Blackpool.—Reuter.

SATURDAY'S BOWLS CHANGES

Kowloon Cricket Club are not making any changes from the team that beat Civil Service Cricket Club in First Division of the Lawn Bowls League for their game against Recreio "A" this Saturday.

In Second Division, for their game with P.O.C., at Stanley, two of the rinks that played against Kowloon Tong last week remain intact, but there is one change in A. Steven's four. R. Leigh coming in as No. 3 in place of J. M. Jack, who is not playing this week.

Several changes have been made by Hong Kong Cricket Club for their week-end bowls matches.

In Second Division, in a friendly against K.B.G.C., Beddow and Mackenzie, who played Nos. 2 and 3 respectively for Brown last week, are not playing this Saturday. Beddow will be taken by Morrison, lead to Hamilton in Third Division last week, and Edwards.

Goodwin retains the same rink with one exception. Duncan will be replaced by Shields, while Shrigley, No. 2 to Abraham in Third Division last week, will play in that position to Costello to replace Hospes, an absentee this week.

Abraham's Third Division rink will be strengthened by Beddow, who played in Second Division last week. The promoted Shrigley's place at No. 2 will be taken by Ryan.

McKellar, who led Valentino, Lambert and Mitchell last week, will be No. 3 to Nissim this time, the other two front men being Valentino and Doughty. The last-named was No. 2 to Hamilton last week, and is playing this time in place of Lambert.

Hamilton, who led Morrison, Doughty and Lacon last Saturday will have a new rink in Monaghan, Sewell and Mitchell for this match against Electric R.C.

Talkoo, who played their last Second Division League match against Hong Kong Football Club on June 28—they drew a bye last week—have made only one change in their team for the match against Kowloon Football Club at Hung-hom on Saturday.

Watson's rink remains the same, and so does that of Melrose, but in the four led by Chalmers, Cunningham comes in as lead in place of Gibson, who is one of the reserves this week.

Following are the selected teams:

KOWLOON C.C.

First Division (v. Recreio "A", away):—A. E. Perry, I. Jack, A. W. Smith and E. C. Fincher (Skip). N. D. Lloyd, A. W. Ramsey, G. E. Taylor

and N. J. Bebbington (Skip); A. E. P. Guest, W. W. Parsons, W. Mulcahy and T. A. Madar (Skip).

Second Division (v. P.O.C., away):—R. S. Capell, H. Overy, F. A. Fabel and T. W. Carr (Skip); S. A. Gray, T. Hunter, E. Curtis and R. S. Meadows (Skip); A. C. Tribble, A. H. Martin, J. M. Jack and A. Steven (Skip).

HONG KONG C.C.

Second Division (v. Kowloon B.G.C., Friendly):—S. L. Lloyd, R. J. Shrigley, H. G. Wallington and G. E. Costello (Skip); G. G. Aitkenhead, T. R. Rowell, H. F. Shields and F. Goodwin (Skip); R. R. Davies, P. Morrison, R. A. Edwards and A. W. Brown (Skip).

Third Division (v. H.K. Electric C.C., home):—H. H. Beddow, L. E. N. Ryan, P. S. Cassidy and E. S. Abraham (Skip); T. C. Monaghan, G. W. Sewell, A. S. Mitchell and P. J. A. Hamilton (Skip); Dr. D. J. Valentine, Col. E. S. Doughty, A. McKellar and A. Nissim (Skip).

TAIKOO

Second Division (v. Kowloon F.C., Away)

W. Cunningham, C. Boward, F. Hill and J. C. Chalmers (Skip); A. MacArthur, D. Coul, T. F. Stanton and J. A. Watson (Skip).

W. McKie, S. J. Pollock, R. Main and W. Melrose (Skip); Reserves—J. Nimmo, L. A. Gibson and F. Thomson.

TO-DAY'S LEAGUE TENNIS

Following is to-day's Fourth Division Tennis League programme and some of the teams:—

K.I.T.C. v. A.T.C.
C.R.C. v. P.O.R.C. (1)
P.O.R.C. (2) v. J.R.C.
C.C.C. v. F.C.
I.R.C. v. C.B.A.
C.R.C.—W. C. Yue and K. C. Yue; C. N. Tsang and T. F. Choy; Yin Chan, and C. Y. Tso.
J.R.C.—A. R. Pollak and B. Godkin; S. R. Ramler and M. Talan; E. Whitgob and A. Odell.
K.I.T.C.—K. S. Mehal and Y. J. Khan; U. H. Esmail and A. H. Mehal; K. Singh and N. S. Singh.
C.B.A.—B. I. Bickford and D. Smith; D. Tomashevsky and G. Gurevitch; M. Bull and D. Parsons.
C.C.C.—K. M. Au and C. M. Lee; Y. C. Mok and Y. H. Leung; P. C. Chan and P. C. Yu.
Filipino Club:—B. Poon and P. Poon; F. Gonzales and W. Lee; T. S. Hsu and L. F. Souza.

Royal Scots are holding a swimming meet to-day at 7.30 p.m. in the Army pool. During the evening there will be a swimming exhibition by the men and ladies of Victoria Recreation Club.

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Violent Attacks At Three Points

ANOTHER "SECRET" WEAPON

[SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL"]

The Germans are now flourishing stories of another devastating "secret engine," which, they say, has gone into action against the Russians.

Shock troops, according to Berlin, used this "secret engine" in "rapidly widening three gaps" in the Stalin Line.

Berlin admits fierce Red resistance, and speaks of the Nazi engineer corps, including specialists, using "the deadliest phases of chemical warfare," thrusting "dangerous wedges" through the Stalin Line.

Radio photos flashed from Germany yesterday showed Nazi flame throwers, according to the caption approved by the German censor, in action against Red underground forts such as compose the Stalin Line.

The gaps in the Stalin Line, the Germans claim, are steadily widening despite "savage resistance by massed Red Army reserves."

The line, they say, was broken in the north sector after 15 hours of terrific fighting against crack Russian troops, including special shock forces known as the "Asiatic Elite." — International News Service.

Nazi Defeat In Front Of Lepel

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ADMISSION OF INTENSIFIED GERMAN PRESSURE AT THREE KEY POINTS ON THE LONG RUSSO-GERMAN BATTLEFRONT WAS MADE IN AN OFFICIAL MOSCOW ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT. VIOLENT FIGHTING IS RAGING IN FRONT OF OSTROV, VOLOTSK AND NOVOGRAD-VOLINSK, AND THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND CLAIMS THE CAPTURE OF OSTROV.

Moscow's version of the day's fighting suggests that some further ground has been conceded, though there is confirmation of a serious German defeat on the fourth prong of the offensive, in front of Lepel. Elsewhere, the Soviet lines are holding.

German reports speak of "savage resistance" and the casualty toll is mounting. It is also admitted in Berlin that large pockets of Russian resistance are causing difficulty well behind the present German lines. — International News Service.

A war communique issued by the Soviet Information Board and broadcast by Moscow radio last night, declared that throughout the day "fierce fighting continued against large enemy tank and mechanised units trying to break through in the Ostrov, Pootsk and Novograd-Volinsk directions."

"In the Ostrov sector our forces are engaged in a stubborn

battle and are holding back the advance of superior enemy forces."

"IN THE DIRECTION OF POLOTSK THE ENEMY RENEWED HIS OFFENSIVE THIS MORNING. OUR TROOPS MET HIS OFFENSIVE WITH DEADLY ARTILLERY AND MACHINE-GUN FIRE AND WITH DECISIVE COUNTER-ATTACKS. FIGHTING IS STILL CONTINUING."

"The enemy is suffering heavy losses."

"In the direction of Lepel our troops are making successful counter-thrusts against the enemy."

Fierce Fighting

"In the Novograd-Volinsk area there was fierce fighting throughout the day between our troops and large enemy mechanised forces."

"IN OTHER DIRECTIONS OUR TROOPS ARE FIGHTING STUBBORNLY, MAINTAINING THEIR POSITIONS."

"Our aircraft operated against enemy mechanised units and destroyed enemy aircraft on the ground."

"Our aircraft bombed Constanza, the port and trade ports in Tulcea and Sulina, and the oil fields of Ploesti."

"During the raid on Constanza nine of our bombers were met by 14 enemy aircraft."

The communique adds: "In the air battle which ensued our aircraft brought down seven enemy machines with the loss of one of ours." — Reuter.

Three Rivers

The Battle of the Eastern Front has developed into the battle of the three rivers—Dvina, Dniester and Dnieper.

THE GERMAN OFFICIAL NEWS AGENCY SAYS GERMAN TROOPS HAVE OCCUPIED OSTROV, ON THE MAIN ROAD TO LENINGRAD, WHICH IS 200 MILES TO THE NORTH-EAST.

The town was captured after "attempts by Soviet troops to take up new defence positions on the Latvian front," adds the agency.

In Estonia, says the agency, Nazi troops have captured the port of Pernau and the town of Fellin, midway between Pernau and Dorpat.

Hungarian Claim

A communique issued yesterday by the Hungarian High Command, according to a Budapest despatch to the Vichy news agency, states: "Our fast troops near the River Debrucz were engaged in combats with the enemy for the crossing of the river."

"Our cyclist group by a forced march and our engineers by their unceasing work contributed in no small measure to the success."

[The Debrucz is a tributary of the Dniester, which it joins just north of Chotiv.]

Finnish Report

An advance on the eastern frontier to a depth of five to 10 kilometres is claimed by the Finns in a communique quoted by Budapest radio.

It adds "Our troops occupied a frontier and repulsed the enemy. Our air force carried out reconnaissance activity and dropped ours."

Counter-Attacks

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Swiss newspaper "Neue Zuercher Zeitung" corroborates Russian claims to have halted the German advance with terrific counter-attacks, saying the Russians are counter-attacking "with unprecedented force."

The paper said the "systematic devastation" of towns by the Red Army whenever they have to give ground "is having the desired effect," rendering so-called German victories barren. Meanwhile a Stockholm despatch to the London "Daily Express" says the Red Army killed thousands of air-borne German troops and hundreds of paratroops dropped in the Minsk zone. — International News Service.

Significant Silence

In reviewing the latest news from the Russian front competent commentators in London mark the significance of the silence on the part of German communiques and point out that the German drive has now lasted a fortnight against great and apparently effective opposition.

Experience seems to show that drivers of armoured fighting vehicles are unable to continue more than 14 days without a break and this factor, together with the strenuous Russian resistance, has resulted in a considerable pause in the operations.

The following is the text of a Russian communique received in London at noon yesterday:

"During the night of July 8 and 9 large scale fighting took place in the Polotsk, Lepel and Novograd-Volynsk sectors."

In the Ostrov sector our troops strengthened the positions occupied by them and carried out intensified night reconnaissance."

Towards the end of July 8 fighting developed in the direction of Sobesh, where enemy tank and infantry units endeavoured to break through to the east. Fighting continues."

In the Polotsk sector stubborn and intense fighting continues in the Borkovichi and Ulla districts in the course of which our troops inflicted heavy losses on the enemy by short counter blows."

German Retreat

In the direction of Lepel our troops delivered a blow at the enemy and smashed two motorised regiments, destroyed four heavy and light batteries as well as a considerable quantity of anti-tank weapons, and the enemy left hundreds of bodies on the battlefield. The enemy withdrew."

In the direction of Novograd-Volynsk our troops continued to wage continuous stubborn battles against enemy tanks and motorised units, counteracting their advance to the east."

In other sectors of the front there were no large-scale fighting operations during the night. Our air force delivered blows

STOP PRESS

An armistice agreement, it is reported in London, has been signed between the French authorities in Syria and Allied representatives, though there is no official confirmation as yet.

Earlier, the Columbia Broadcasting System's correspondent in Ankara declared the agreement to be signed between Vichy and the Allies contained 10 points.

Three of the points are reported to be as follows:—

1. All Vichy war materials to be handed over intact to the Allies, as well as the administration and communications.
2. An offer to French soldiers, officers and civilian officials to join the Free French or else be repatriated to France.
3. Syria and Lebanon immediately to join the sterling bloc. — Reuter.

Six cases of cholera, four from Kowloon and one each from Victoria and the Harbour, eight cases of dysentery, 31 of tuberculosis, three of enteric fever, and one of measles were notified to the Health Authorities yesterday.

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against mechanised units of the enemy in the Ostrov, Lepel and Novograd-Volynsk sectors, and against the aviation of the enemy on his aerodromes."

In night operations against enemy aerodromes and in air battles during the night of the 8th to 9th our air force destroyed 62 enemy planes in the Lepel, Borisov and Bobruisk sectors alone, losing seven of its own planes. According to verified data our air force destroyed 102 enemy planes during July 8, losing 19 of its own planes. — British Wireless.

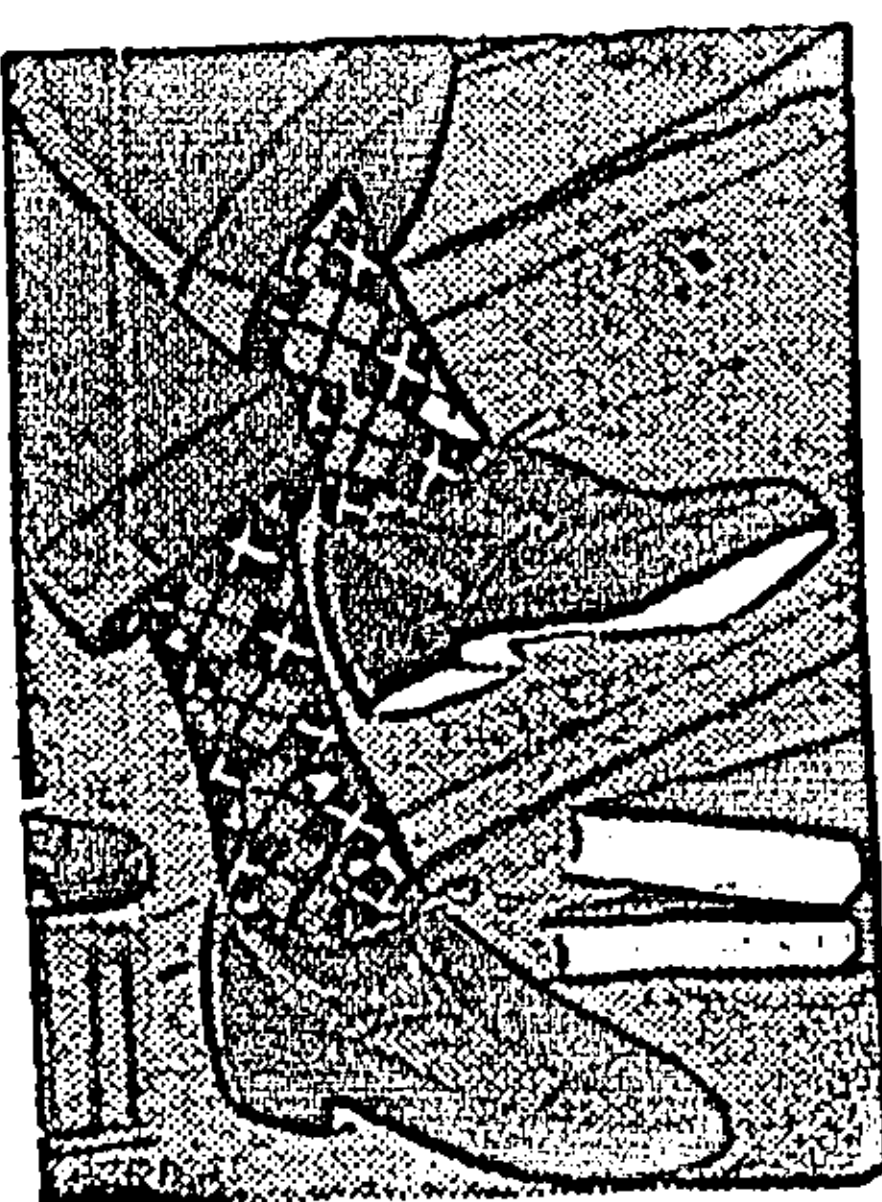
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